of staying on look good

Conservatives' new procedure for electing r party leader each session was published erday, but, with no substantial challenger in t. Mr Heath's chances of confirming his tion look good, our Political Editor writes. 1V Tory backbenchers are saying privately the leadership dispute is inflicting unnecesdamage on Mr Heath and the party.

New procedure but no challenger

le were still at their wits' o name a plausible candi-to challenge Mr Heath. ir favoured standard. Mr Edward du Cann, nan of the 1922 Commit-

lashed hopes by publicly g that he could not be a of the election in the ballot and then stand in ballots. the BBC television pro-

ne Newsday, he told Mr Day that be could not at any point. He was not lidate and did not propose Thatcher is now the only

nger to Mr Heath who her cap in the ring. Mr law privately insists that innot stand against Mr

has the feelings of lovalty on through most of the w Cabinet, and as party nan he is Mr Heath's ee. It would be anomaor Mr Whitelaw to run so is the leader from whom epted stewardship for the says he will take up any

Keith Joseph, the most then internal critic within tadow Cabinet of the Conive Government's failings errors between 1970-74, rages any hope that he stand. backbench

are becoming more ssing of possible candida-The latest exploration of ench opinion involves Mr Foreign Secretary in the

Wood, who lost both legs he Western Desert, has r been a Cabinet member pas served with distinction ı overseas minister. He was named as a possible candilast week by a very few benchers seeking a Baldin figure, but scarcely any ort has rallied to him. r the time being, with no

antial challenger, Mr h's chances look good; and backbenchers admit pri-y that the whole leadership ite is unnecessarily damagboth the party and Mr

Newsday last night Mr du said the new election pro-re, drafted by Sir Alec-las-Home's committee of was not biased against Mr

edid admit. however, that a ge of wording allowing for "confirmation" of the y elected leader at a meetattended by peers, parlia-tary candidates, and memof the executive committee he National Union would v the non-parliamentary es, in alliance with some benchers, to reject the 1922

mittee's nominee in or out overnment. He thought that r du Cann confessed that would be surprised if the mittee's proposals stirred up

h controversy.
Political Correspondent
es: Conservative MPs study-

the new scheme considered the revised rules for the ballot did not favour Mr th's chances of quick re-

nat view was the opposite of expressed by Sir Alec glas-Home, whose commit-had drafted the new scheme electing the leader each ion when in opposition.

"We have changed the rules", he said, "to put the rules", he said, "to put the responsibility squarely on the shoulders of members of the party in the commons to try to get a decisive result in the first ballot'

But the vital change, according to most backbenchers, will be an invitation to MPs to be an invitation to MPs to abstain in the first ballot and leave the way clear for new candidates to present themselves

for the second vote.
Under the old procedure, the leader was elected if one candidate received an overall majority and 15 per cent more of the votes cast than any other candidate. "The votes cast" was the key phrase.

Under new rules the leader would be elected if "one candidate both receives an overall majority of the votes of those entitled to vote "—which means the 276 Conservative MPs-" and receives 15 per cept more of the votes of those entitled to vote than any other candidate".

The important phrase here is "of those entitled to vote".

There might well be deliber ate abstentions to show the lack of support for either Mr Heath who intends to stand, and Mrs Thatcher, the only other contender so far to declare herself. in order to see whether more favoured candidates could be encouraged to stand in the second ballot.

MPs who support Mr Heath were saying yesterday that they would seek to change the rules to ensure that all prospective candidates stand in the first bal-lot. That would obviously help Mr Heath to survive as leader and make the election compre-

then sible to the public.

They argue that the complicated procedure preserved in the new scheme is really half way between complete demo-cracy and the old elitist system of leaving the choice to a "magic circle" within the

The rules for the second bal-lot state that both the original candidates in the indecisive first ballot and "any other candi-dates" could stand.

The new rules lay down the procedure for the views of all sections, including the Conservative peers and Conservatives in constituencies not repre-sented by Tories in Parliament, to be conveyed to the 1922 Com-mittee before the election.

Members of the 1922 Commit tee will be expected to take those views into account, but the electoral college remains the body of Conservative MPs-For the first time the com-For the first time the composition of the confirming body
is set out. The candidate
elected by the party in the
House will be presented for
confirmation to a party meeting of MPs, Conservative peers,
adopted candidates, and memhers of the executive commit-

bers of the executive commit-tee of the National Union not included in those categories. To win at the first ballot a candidate will need at least 132 votes and a lead of at least 42 over the nearest rival.

Sir Alec said: "This report is made to the leader, Mr Heath, and he will doubtless take his soundings among MPs and in the party organization before coming to a final decision whether to adopt these suggestions or not. . . .

"There was no machinery for the reelection of the leader. We say that there should be an election not earlier than three months, and not later than six months after a general election "

Heath chances Petrol to cost at least 10p a gallon more as price control is abolished

By Edward Townsend Business News Staff

The price of four-star petrol is likely to soar on Friday to 74p a gallon in some areas and 74p a gallon in some areas and may go up by another 2p a gallon before Christmas.

A prediction to that effect was made yesterday by the Petroleum Retailers' Association after the announcement by Mr Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, of a record increase in petrol prices and the abolition of maximum ratril price control

num retail price control. The Price Commission has allowed eight oil companies to answerd eight oil companies to increase prices from Friday, which would add about 7p a gallon and 25 per cent value added tax to petrol, but Mr Varley said he had made it clear to the garage trade that he did not expect pump prices to in-

crease by more than 10p. He hinted that price controls might be imposed if they did.

Reimposition might lead to a clash between the Government and retailers who, in campaigning for the abolition of price controls, have maintained that the erosion of their profit margins has forced hundreds of fillgins has forced hundreds of fill-ing stations to close.

Small filling stations, particuarly those in rural areas faced with paying high surcharges on comparatively small fuel de-liveries, may increase prices by an extra 1p or 2p a gallon on top of Mr Varley's 10p "limit".

Mr Geoffrey Atkinson, general secretary of the Petroleum Retailers' Association, described the 10p limit as absolute non-sense. Mr Varley had removed restrictions with one hand but

EEC COMPARISON The following prices are charge for four-star petrol in the EEC:

Denmark Belgium Holland West Germany Irish Republic

was brandishing the threat to return them with the other, he said. The extra 1p that garages had been given indirectly as their margin was not enough, and 74p a gallon on Friday was almost certain.

However, big garages in urban areas may well limit the increase to about 9p a gallon, and the price in London and in

places close to refineries is expected to be 721p a gallon.
The increases do not take into account the 4 per cent price rise announced by the big oil exporters at the weekend, and if the Government continues to load increases on to petrol the four-star price might go up by a further 2p.

The Price Commission pointed out yesterday that garages still had to observe the require-ments of the price code and could not earn profits in excess of their reference levels. The commission is studying the fuel distributors' margins and is ex-pected to report in February. Mr Varley's statement, given

Commons written reply, said the oil companies needed increases because of the higher cost of crude oil. He recognized

margins was warranted now that oil products were plenti-ful and there was widespread

He announced that price control on Derv would also end on Friday and the cost of paraffin would rise by 3p a gallon but still be subject to Later the Price Commission

disclosed that it had cut all the increases sought by the oil companies. Gulf Oil, which had wanted a 39 per cent increase, had its application reduced by 7.54 per cent; Texaco's pro-posed 33.9 per cent rise was cut by 0.13 per cent; and there were varying cuts on applica-tions from BP, Burmah-Castrol, Esso, Mobil, Shell and Total. The oil companies' last in-

Man killed as three

bombs explode

in London streets

the price went up by 8p to 50p a gallon. In April, VAT was imposed on petrol, first at 10 per cent and then rising to 25 per cent last month.

cent last month.

Shell Mex and BP, Esso and Mobil said yesterday their wholesales prices would go up from midnight last night by 7.35p, exclusive of VAT. Home heating would also cost more. Shell said paraffin would go up 2.08p a gallon and gas oil by 2.75p. Esso is increasing paraffin by Ip and gas oil by 2p, and Mobil heating oils will go up by 1.5p.

go up by 1.5p.
Increases on Derv are also being varied. Shell is adding 2.08p a gallon to retailers, Mobil 1.75p and Esso 2p.

Motorists bearing brunt

Mr Wilson denies Stonehouse spying

By Hugh Noyes Parliamentary Correspondent Westminster

Mr Wilson said in a Commons statement yesterday that there was no truth in reports that Mr John Stonehouse, who disappeared in Miami four weeks ago, was spying either for the Czechoslovak intelligence service or for the United States Central Intelligence Agency.

Nor was there any proof that the missing MP was being kept under investigation or surveillance by the security service at the time of his disappearance. Taking the unusual course of

making a statement on news-paper reports about intelligence activities, Mr Wilson said that the allegations were first made by a Czechoslovak defector in 1969 when Mr Stonehouse was a member of the Labour Gov-ernment. With the Prime Minis ter's approval they were fully investigated at the time, and both the defector and Mr Stonehouse were interviewed by the security service.

After those investigations the

security service advised him that there was no evidence to sup-port the allegations. He had been advised again yesterday that no more evidence had come

to light since 1969.
"One has always to face the possibility", Mr Wilson said, "that when defectors come out of the country where they have been and find their capital diminished their imellectual capital, of course—they try to revive their memories on matters." It should be obvious to all that had there been a scintilla of evidence Mr Stonehouse would not have remained

a member of the Government. He had given all possible help From the Opposition front bench Mr Heath asked for an ssurance that the present case would not be taken as a precedent that when allegations of a security kind were made in the press a statement had immediately to be made in the House. The Prime Minister replied that it was a difficult matter, but there had been a serious press campaign based on stories

going back to 1969, when he was responsible for such mat-ters. They had been fully investigated at the time and there was nothing in them. It had been proved that Mr Stonehouse was not a Czechoslovak spy and also that he was not a security risk. Mr Wilson said it did not follow from this case that he would comment on all future allegations of that nature.

Labour MPs urged that Mr Stonehouse's family should be released from the "distressing released from the "distressing pressures" caused by the rumours and innuendos. Mr Wilson agreed that that was causing great distress to them. He urged that the press should

Wilson-Brezhnev talks planned

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act with reticence.

Mr Wilson is to visit Moscow for discussions with Mr Brezh-nev, the Soviet party leader, early next year, Our Political Editor writes. After the Prime ere was no machinery for election of the leader, that there should be an not earlier than three and not later than six; after a general after a general that the visit will not occur before February and will follow, as usual, a meeting with the President of the United States.



Miss Ballantine with her father after arriving at Reathrow airport last night.

Freed British girl arrives home

Miss Susan Ballantine, the Cheltenham student who was jailed in East Germany for five years in September for trying to smuggle her boyfriend to the West, was released yesterday after serving "six months 16 days and 14 hours in prison".

Miss Balantine, who is 23, hugged her father, Mr Cecil Ballantine, after she had arrived at Heathrow airport, London, and said: "This was the best Christmas present I could have had. I have no complaints about my treatment. I was actions. treated a lot better than other prisoners."

But she was not prepared to answer questions about her boyfriend, Herr Volker Benes, a trainer for an East Berlin football team, or about her tootball team, or about her German.

her family was restricted. Even prison conditions. Her father, "It feels absolutely incred her English Bible was taken a college lecturer, said any ible to be back. I can't believe away.

could "prejudice negotiations now. I just want to pick up that may still be continuing". where I left off, finish my Miss Ballantine, who was convicted of being involved with a professional Western organiza-

professional Western organiza-tion as well as aiding and abetting illegal border cross-ings, described her ordeal as "six months of sheer bore-dom". She added: "I think I was well treated because I kicked up a fuss." For the first five months she girl *

and then issued with a "school-girl" type uniform. She would not comment when asked whether she regretted her She had no indication that

she was going to be released sne was going to be released until yesterday morning. "I was taken before the public prosecutor and told I was being released after the State Council had issued an act of clemency. I just said: 'Thank you' in

questions it. The six months won't exist studies and get a job."
Her father, who was in the

office of Amnesty International when he heard the news, said: This is our Christmas present. We were expecting to drink to absent friends, but now it wou't be necessary. We shall have a wonderful family Christmas. Miss Ballantine's

brought a storm of protest in Britain and Mr Wilson inter-vened personally with an vened personally with an appeal for clemency to his East German counterpart, Herr Horst Sindermann

The move was totally unexpected. Last month Miss Ballantine had been moved to a top security prison near the Czechoslovakia border and certain privileges were denied her, She was not allowed English books, and communication with newspapers. magazines

Greek presidency move

The Greek Government yesterday proposed to

judge, should be appointed as interim President. His powers would be largely ceremonial and he would act as head of state for three or four months while Parliament works out a new

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constitution. A vote is expected today

Israel's papers advertise anti-Zionists' From Our Own Correspondent

Israel's newspapers accept

worse than that published by The Times last week, the Jerusalem evening newspaper Yediot Aharanot said yesterday. It said in a leading article: "It is of course good that The Times retreated. Because if it had turned its attention to Israeli newspapers, which pub-lish advertisements which are

sounded like a clap of thunder but I knew immediately what "I looked out of the window and saw an old man with blood

on his face walking away."

A telephone exchange in Draycott Avenue, Chelsea, was affected at about 9.15 pm. A bomb,

on a motor cycle outside the

exchange, shattered most of the windows of the building but

none of the fifty people working there was thought to have been

injured. Police had received a

warning and were able to evacu-

ate the area but three policemen were injured as the bomb went

Diners in Daphne's restaurant

near by were shaken by the blast

and a large chandelier hanging

over the entrance lobby crashed

A warning was telephoned to the Daily Mirror by a woman with an Irish accent. She said: "A bomb is in the telephone exchange in Draycott Avenue and will go off any time."

Mr Sean Gough, a local

resident, was making a tele-phone call in a kiosk a few

to the floor. No one was hurt.

By Staff Reporters Three bombs exploded in London last night, killing one man and injuring several people, including three policemen.

One of the explosions occurred in New Compton Street, near the Philips build-ing on the fringe of Soho. It was caused by a car bomb at the back of a Post Office administrative block in Shaftesbury Avenue. It ripped the car apart and lifted it several feet into the air, the wreckage landing on another car parked near by. The ABC cinema in Shaftes-

bury Avenue was cleared, Charing Cross Road was closed to traffic and police issued loudhailer warnings to pedestrians

to leave the area.

The fatal explosion was outside the Museum telephone exchange in Chenies Street, off Tottenham Court Road. It was thought to have been caused by

a parcel bomb.

The dead man had been working inside the building. Two other people were injured, one seriously. The blast shattered windows and glass littered

the street outside.
One of the injured men was taken to the Middlesex Hospital. The other had only minor cuts and shock.

The bomb exploded at 9.35,

hundred yards from the ex-change when the explosion occurred. By coincidence he was speaking to a friend in Shaftesbury Avenue who had just heard the first Soho ex-plosion. according to Miss Karen d'Groot, journalist living in Tottenham Street. She said:

French MPs agree to tunnel

Paris, Dec 17.-The National Assembly has authorized the French Government to raufy the Channel tunnel treaty with Britain. It did not take account

M Henri Cavaille, the Transport Secretary, said, however: The French Government is proposing to postpone by a few weeks the deadline for ratification, because the British Parlia-ment has not yet studied the Bill permitting ratification."— UPS.

far more extremely anti-Zionist and anti-Israel than the one published in the British newspaper, it would certainly have thought twice before drawing back because of the voices of protest by its shocked Jewish readers."

Overseas selling prices

Republic of Ireland Belgium, BFr 135.

Denmark, DNr 3.50. Finland, Finla

UN resolution on Australia gain 2-0 lead Australia beat England by nine wickers with more than a day to spare in the second Test match at Perth yesterday. Australia now lead 2-0 in the six-match series. Thomson, the Australian fast bowler, dismissed Greig, Denness and Fletcher in his first three overs. Titmus with 61 was England's top scorer S African pull-out

The Security Council yesterday adopted a strongly worded resolution urging South Africa to withdraw from Namibia, It condemned the illegal South African occupation of the territory, and set out a series of measures with which South Africa must comply. In the event of non-compliance, the Council will consider "appro-priate measures Page 6

British opinion swings towards Community

feelings towards the European Community, according to an opinion poll published by the European Commission in Brussels yesterday.

The poll also shows that in most other EEC countries few people care very much whether Britain stays a member or withdraws Page 5

'Shadow' jury tougher

oxford Penal Research Unit. On the whole, shadow juries were more inclined to "convict". They "aquitted" only two defendants actually convicted by a jury Page 4

Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, yesterday dismissed the idea that Britain's membership of the EEC poses a threat to its control of North Sea oil reserves. At the first meeting of the Energy Ministers of the Nine in Brussels yesterday no one challenged Mr Varley's claim to sovereignty over these resources

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ritain to deport arrested Palestinian tudent today for security reasons

a Staff Reporter

ir Hani Babaa, a Palestinian dent, was arrested in Ketterdent, was arrested in NetterNorthamptonshire, earlier
sweek and is to be deported
ay on the ground that his
sence in the United Kingn is not conducive to the

The Home Office refused to ulge details. Mr Babaa has an in Britain for three years, d for the past year has been dying at Kettering Technical llege. Students from the colse yesterday handed in at 10 wming Street a protest ainst his deportation.

There is no obligation on the one Office to delay Mr baa's deportation because tional security is involved.

Mr James McKinlay, the colge principal, said he had
oken to Mr Babaa yesterday,
id that the latter did not plan

signed to his expulsion.

cases of Palestinians being refused entry or reentry to Britain, but the power to deport under the 1971 Immigration Act is rarely used. The National Council for Civil Liberties said yesterday that it could not recall a recent case of such deportation on security grounds.

Mr Babaa was fined in a London magistrate's court in June for having a shotgun. Mr McKinlay said that Mr Babaa, who is being held in custody in Northampton, although local that refused to confirm that, police refused to confirm that, assumed that the court case was the reason for his

deportation. The charge, however, appeared to have been largely technical. The Home Office said that no recommendation for deportation had been made at the time, and six months had passed before the Home Secretary signed the deportation make reprsentations, being There have been several order.

Whitehall sources indicated that the ground for such a deportation would have to be grave.

Our Diplomatic staff write: Mr Babaa, is not being deported under the new anti-terrorist legislation, but under an earlier Mr Babaa, who comes from Tulkarm in the West Bank,

bolds a Jordanian passport. But

it is understood that he has asked to be sent to Saudi Arabia

rather than Jordan. The position of Palestinians from the West Bank is unclear since the Rabat summit meeting at which King Husain of Jordan withdrew his claims to the West Bank in favour of the Palestine Liberation Organization. At least one Palestinan from the West Bank living in Britain has been Arts Business Chess refused an extension of his Jordanian passport since the Rabat decision.

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HOME NEWS____ Lord Eccles adamant on new site for the British Library

Planning Reporter

Lord Eccles, chairman of the British Library Board, yester-day reaffirmed his conviction that the new library building should be in Bloomsbury, opposite the British Museum. He said, however, that if the Government offered said, however, that it the Gov-erament offered another site the board would obviously have to consider it "despite the damage that might be done to books by carting them up to somewhere in north London ".

The reference to north London is bound to raise some evebrows, since the principal alternative site proposed is the disused Somers Town railway goods yard next to St Pancras station. Camden council, with strong support from the Greater London Council, has vigorously opposed the destruction of the buildings on the Bloomshury site and has argued the environmental advantages of using the mental advantages of using the derelict railway land fronting

Euston Road.

Lord Eccles, who was presenting the first annual report since the board's inception last year, championed the Bloomsbury site since he was minister re-sponsible for the arts. Plans were drawn up by Mr Colin St John Wilson, the architect, in June last year; the Conservative Government supported the proposals and an interdepartmental steering committee was set up to examine the financial

with the change in government, however, the dispute has assumed political overtones. Last month, replying to Mrs Lena Jeger, MP for Holborn and St Pancras, South, Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, said he was and environmental aspects. not yet in a position to add to previous statements; but he is believed to favour Camden's

More urged for

the Houghton report into

He said the Government

should implement the Houghton

recommendations as quickly as

t implemented the 30 per cent

increases in nurses' pay awarded

by the Halsbury committee in September. Teachers would

have to negotiate further in-

creases within the Burnham committee to take account of

cost of living rises since May 24, the date of Lord Houghton's

The Greater London Council

voted last night to make urgent

representations to the Govern-

ment over its land acquisition proposals which are due for

legislation in the new year. It is

concerned that the Govern-

ment's proposals may not achieve its aims on the public ownership of development land. In proposed evidence to be

before freeze

teachers

By Our Education Correspondent

teachers pay.

pies part of more than fifty acres of almost totally derelict land badly in need of redevelopment. Camden council recently bought 11 acres for housing but the rest is still owned by British Rail and the National Freight Corporation.

Last week the corporation buildings on the Somers Town site, to provide a new headquarters and printing works for News International, pub-lishers of The News of the World and The Sun.

The latest estimated cost for the library is about £130m. Opponents of the Bloomsbury site say it would be cheaper to build elsewhere but Lord Eccles said yesterday that that still had to be convincingly demonstrated.

Our Arts Reporter writes: Lord Eccles said that the board's budget in its first full year was £12m, to offset which it expected to earn £1m in payment for services. The board had taken over the Office for Scientific and Technical In-formation, which formed the core of the research and development department; no other library in the world same other library in the world, save the Library of Congress, had such a powerful unit devoted to library and information

Referring to the integration of all the divisions that made up the British Library, Lord Eccles said that for the first time the four national collections of many millions of volumes had been brought together. "Progress, like know-ledge itself, is indivisible, and we should shape our institutions we should snape our institutions so that they counter that fragmentation of society for which technology is so largely responsible", he said.

Rising anger among consultants over delay

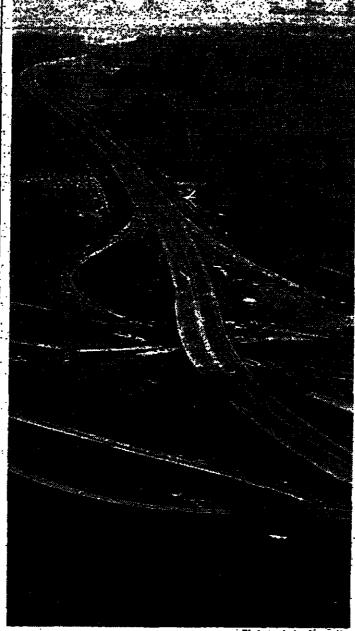
By John Roper Medical Reporter

Anger mounted yesterday among hospital consultaints at what they see as unnecessary delay and procrastingson by the Department of Health and Social Security over negotiations for their new contract. A member of the General Committee for Hospital Medical Services said they were fed up.
More consultants decided yesterday to "work to contract".
Thirty-five at Burnley decided

to join 40 colleagues at Black-burn and 30 at Crewe in their action as a protest against de-lay. They work at Burnley-General Hospital (720 beds); Victoria Hospital (163 beds); Reedyford Hospital, Nelson (62 beds) and the Hartley Hospital.

As usual, emergency services will not be affected and, the consultants say, no patients will be allowed to suffer unnecessarily. But operations and admissions may be delayed. missions may be delayed:
The Owen working party,
charged with considering the

terms for a new contract and arrangements for private pracarrangements for private prac-tice, was set up last April Junior doctors' threat: Repre-sentatives of Britain's 19,000 junior hospital doctors, meeting in Glasgow yesterday, threat-ened a work-to-rule followed by mass resignations from the National Health Service unless the Government agreed to ratify (the Press Association reports).
Dr Ian Thompson, secretary
of the British Medical Association's hospital junior staff group council, said the doctors had agreed orally upon the 40-hour contract with health service negotiators last September. But when the minutes of the meet ing had arrived at the council the agreement memioned only a "forward date"



Looking south along part of the M23 at Merstham, Surrey, which opens for traffic

landing

visitors

Isle of Wight County Council

decided yesterday to ask the Layfield committee of inquiry

into local government finance to approve the principle of a landing tax on people visiting the island. It would be intro-

duced, it was suggested, only if more money was needed as

an alternative to a local income

fax to relieve the island rates

It would probably take the form of a differential fare on

ferries. How the ferry opera-

islanders and visitors was not discussed yesterday. Council-lors brushed aside a warning

that they would run into oppo-

sition from the Government on

the ground that such a tax inter-

fered with the free passage of citizens from one part of the United Kingdom to another.

Cambridge report opposes more mixed colleges

By Tim Devlin Education Correspondent

A report by the General Board of Faculties at Cambridge University has come out against A warning that a wage and salary freeze is highly likely in the new year was made last night by Mr Norman St Johnany more mixed colleges for "If the arts/science ratio male and female undergraduates. It says that would such an imbalance would preendanger moves to get a sent grave problems to the balanced ratio of arts and university."

The report Stevas, Opposition spokesman on education. He was speaking at Chelmsford in his constituency, a few days before publication of

Cambridge has five co-residential colleges for under-graduates and this week a sixth, Trinity Hall, announced that is to admit women students. The five are Clare, Sidney Sussey Salven Kingle five Sidney Sussex, Selwyn, King's and Churchill.

The committee headed by Professor Peter Swinnerton-Dyer, Master of St Catharine's College, says: "The general board urge that few if any further colleges should become co-residential until evidence is He estimated that without forthcoming that the pool of that the university might grow Houghton teachers' salaries women applicants has been to about 14,000 by the end of would cost £1,130m during 1975.

GLC to consult Government on land plans

on the Press the council wel-

comed increasing coverage given

to Greater London government but complained of an overall

impression too often given of piecemeal and superficial

The council called for the training of young journalists in the work of local government.

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and superficial

given to the Royal Comm

coverage ".

the long-tarm interests of both the colleges and the university that the move towards co-residence should progress in an orderly manner.

day, estimates that 53 per cent of men and 67 per cent of women read arts subjects. women read arts subjects. The report recommends that the ratio should be fifty-fifty within

The committee also recommends that the proportion of postgraduates should be increased from 22.5 per cent to 25 per cent. It does not feel that the university should that the university should expand in the short term beyond the present number of 11,400 students, although it envisages

Chief officer going : Haring

council said last night that Mr

Brian Cooper, aged 52, would retire as chief executive after differences of view (the Press

Association reports). He will start three months' leave of ab-

sence on January 1 and be

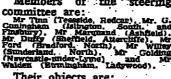
retained as a consultant on a "diminishing basis" over three

New Labour Island plans group seeks official taxes on recognition

By Our Political Staff The Manifesto group of Labour backbenchers, which has been formed by moderates in the party to provide a counterweight to the influence of the left wing Tribine group within the Parliamentary Labour Party, last night decided to ask Mr Mellish, the chief whip, for official recogni-

A meeting of 76 Labour MPs. including several former ministers and some parliamen tary private secretaries to pre sent ministers, elected di following as their officers: Chairman: Dr Mahon (Greenock a Port, Glasgow), Vice chairmen: Urein (Houghton-le-Spring), Michael (H

Members of the steering



Their objects are:
To work for the implementation of the policies set out in the Labour manifesto and to support the Labour Government in overcoming the country's acute economic difficulties. To act as a forum for constructive discussion designed to relate democratic socialist philosophy to

the needs of the present age.

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Botterill holds lead with 4th-round draw

From a Chess Correspondent Liangemech, Dyfed By winning his unfinished game against W. R. Harrston from the third round and then drawing with another dangerous rival, M. F. Stean, in the fourth round, G. S. Botterill main-tained his leading position in the British Chess Championship play-off tournament yesterday.

and failing to produce a driving

Inspector Ronald Cockerton, for the prosecution, said Miss Squires had driven at between 60 and 64 mph between Lewes and Brighton last December 23, when there was a speed limit of

Talks on pupil indiscipline

The Government is to hold national talks with local authorities and teachers about Ernest Armstrong, Under-Commons yesterday.

Consultative documents for discussion were being prepared,

Correction

Miners seek pay review at quiet meeting with NCB

of Mineworkers, and Mr Michael McGahey, communist vice-president, spent two hours with Mr Norman Siddall, deputy chair-man of the board, and other top hensive review of wages and conditions in the industry. The

ing a new wage contract for the miners will be the main subject at a special meeting of the union executive this morning. Although the powerful Norman Siddall, deputy chairman of the board, and other top officials arguing for a compressional review of wages, and conditions in the industry. The not dropped out of sight and is board undertook to reply in the likely to reappear as an ambisecond week of January.

Yesterday's unsensational Mr Gormley, after yestermeeting was the outcome of day's talks, said: "We put our last week's 14 to 12 vote by ideas to the hoard and they last week's 14 to 12 vote by ideas to the board and they the miners' executive not to have given us some indication

Risks in preparing for Ulster debate

From Stewart Tendler

Belfast
Preparations for the Northern Ireland constitutional convention next spring are demanding much finesse from Stormont officials seeking a suitable chair. man and procedure acceptable in Ulster's hypersensitive poll-

rical annitsphere.

Failure in do so, and to bree vent the shadow of Whitehall-and Westminster from litoming too large might disrupt the debate.

debate.

The name of the chairman will be announced in the new year. No one yet knows if Mr Rees, the Northern Treland Secretary of State, has found a person of high standing and impartiality from Northern Ireland. Both the White Paper proposing the convention and the discussion paper issued in the discussion paper issued in-Belfast last month speak in those terms, but the Act estal-

If there is no acceptable Ulsterman to take the chair Mr Rees will have to think carefully before using that potential escape clause. Some Ulster loyalist" politicians would not welcome an Englishman, although a Scot might be inable smacking smacking Some parliamentarians feel influence

thar she appointment, suggested

in some quarters, of a judge would not be suitable because of the excitable nature of Northern Ireland politics, which lu the ill-fated Assembly pro-duced fist-fights and exchanges of insults. Some of the procedure laid

down for the Assembly caused ill feeling. This time the various parties are being saked to discuss what they want before Mr Rees sets down the procedure, which the convention once started, can change if it wishes. The opening midress presents difficulties. A message from Mr Rees might urriage some loyalists, and one from the Queen might some republicans.

Once the convention is past the difficult opening stages, it is suggested, work might begin with a statement from each party on what it wants to see decided. That again, however might cause demonstrations and

Difficulties arise over who will advise the convention mem-bers. It has been suggested that the political parties could have their own advisers, paid for by the Northern Ireland Office rather than use civil servants smacking of the English

IRA ceasefire decision awaited by churches

From a Staff Reporter

Protestant church leaders who met senior Provisional IRA; niembers last week waited yes-terday for confirmation that the movement's army council had met to decide on the church-men's suggestions for calling a

Reports suggest that the coun-il of eight, which includes Mr David O'Connell, the Provisional chief of staff, met yesterday at

a secret venue.

Last week at a clandestine gathering in Feakle, co Clare, the churchmen left a number of ideas that might provide the basis for the first ceasefire by the Provisional IRA since mid-

The ideas were put down on paper to be passed to the Pro-visional military leaders after some of them had fied the hotel. meeting as Irish policemen

approached to raid it. The churchmen's ideas have not been disclosed, but may involve some compromise around the Provisional IRA's avowed requirements for a ceasefire. These are an undertaking of a British with drawal from Northern Ireland the withdrawal of troops to their barracks; the end of interm-ment and release of political prisoners; and a recognition of the right of Irish people to negotiate their own future.

IRA man jailed : Liam Coyle aged 23, a Provisional IRA offi cer, said by a judge to be one of the most highly skilled bomb-makers to come before the courts in Ulster, was jailed for 20 years yesterday (the Press Association reports). Mr Coyle, of Nicholson Square,

Embarking cards for Irish citizens

By Our Political Staff Under new arrangements for lending and embarkation cards at United Kingdom ports, citizens of the Republic of Ireland travelling to places outside the common travel area (the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ire-land, the Channel Islands, and the Isle of Man) will have to complete landing and embarkation cards from March 1, 1975. So will citizens of Commonwealth countries. The requirement is to be made by tatutory instrument under the

Immigration Act, 1971. Mr Jenkins, Home Secretary, anounced the change of practice in a parliamentary written answer yesterday. The arrange-ments are in addition to the completion of cards by passen-gers travelling between Great Britain and other places in the common travel area, which may be necessary under the Prevention of Terrorism (Temporary Provisions) Act, 1974.

The cards will provide a further safeguard against evasion of the 1974 Act and allow more reliable staristics to be kept about the movement calculated that they will help speedier clearance of passengers, because immigration officers will no longer have to ask for the routine information that appears on a completed card; name, occupation, date and place of birth, sex, nation-ality, and full address in the United Kingdom.

But some MPs regard the

change as one of those erosions of the liberty of the individual that are becoming necessary in the attempt to contain terrorist movements and activities.

Mother dies with children in fire

· A woman and her three children were found dead last night at their flat in Patterdale House, off Oldfield Road, Salford, Greater Manchester. They were apparently overcome by fumes from a fire in a plastic

Salford police said the deaths Lindonderry, was convicted at were discovered by the father Belfast City Commission of on his tettern from work. The several explosives charges fire had gone out when emergizationing three incidents.

Mr Heath criticizes Mr Shore over EEC

Mr Heath, Leader of the

Mr Heath, Leader of the Opposition, yesterday wrote to Mr Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, rejecting the the European correncies.

That explanation, Mr. Heath have been minister starguments that membership of the EEC is causing a wersening of the United United Education of the United State that demons had made the reference to the said, made the reference to the United Kingdom's trade performance for the Chathinity. It flought with Europe of the underlying other important factors which bership to causes of the trade deficit, had affected British's trade estimates of harm done own statisticians, were initially, after the United Kingdom better the United Kingdom better the United Kingdom between the response of imports to the came a member of the EEC.

50 mph. She had elected to

produce the necessary docu-ments within five days at Bexley

police station, but had not done

Miss Squires, who was not

legally represented, asked

Police Constable Peter Clifford,

the observer in the police car, if he had recognized her while

the police car was following hers. He replied that he had seen only a floppy har and fair

Miss Sources said she had

during 1972 and, later, to the Mr Shore nor his statisticians rise in import prices caused by had produced any evidence world commodity prices and depreciation of sterling against the European correncies. Had made Britain's deficit worse than it would otherwise

He had not known who she

was until she said when he stopped her car: "I am Dorothy Squires."

Miss Squires said yesterday:

"I am not an egomamac. never use that expression".

be present. The case

She asked for an adjournment to enable her solicitor to

"Will you or your department therefore now publish any evidence you have of the harm done by the EEC membership to our trade, and any estimates of the extent of that harm?", Mr Heath wrote. "Unless and until you do so, you should withdraw your

Dispute costs 1m

Three national newspapers

lost between them more than

a million copies on Monday

night because of industrial

action by members of the

National Graphical Association

The Daily Telegraph lost 220,000 copies, the Daily Mail 342,000 and the Daily Express 470,000. The council of the Newspaper Publishers Associations which the property of the Newspaper Publishers Associations.

tion, which represents Fleet Street proprietors, met yester-day and is likely to do so again

newspapers

Committee are: Mar Than (Testide, Redcan), Mr. G. Contingant (Islandian Gellington South and Fraging), Mr. Marging South and Singer denies six driving offences Mr. Dirty (Sharfford Attention of South South). Mr. Dirty (Sharfford Attention of South Sout have recognized the car as hers. "It has been ar the papers many times", she said. He answered: "I would not have recognized you, with or without your glasses or your

Dorothy Squires, the singer, yesterday denied at Lewes Magistrates' Court six alleged motoring offences: driving on a restricted road at more than 50 mph, using an uninsured car, using a car without a test certificate, driving without a licence, falling to produce insurance and test certificates

indiscipline in schools, Mr Secretary of State for Educa-tion and Science, said in the

he said.

The name of Mr Ray Fletcher, MP for Illeston, was wrongly included in the list that appeared in later editions of The Times yesterday of Labour backbenchers who voted against the Government's defence policy in the Commons on Monday night. It should have been Mr Ted Fletcher, MP for Darlington.

By Paul Routledge Labour Editor Miners' leaders yesterday put

Miners' leaders yesterday put the full spectrum of their views to the National Coal Board, in-cluding a demand for a "sub-stantial" but unspecified in-crease in wages.

Mr Joseph Gormley, moderate president of the National Union of Mineworkers, and Mr Michael

the industry's 270,000 miners.
That vote was upheld by Mr
Gormley after it had been
declared invalid by Mr
McGahey while he was temporarily in the cheir because Mr Gormley was ill. The cautious start to bargain-

pursue a militant pay claim of of theirs. No figures were £30 a week on basic rates for mentioned."

Weather forecast and recordings



never had a large floppy hat be present. The case She asked if PC Clifford would adjourned to January 7.

Today

5un sets : 3.52 pm First Quarter: December 21. First Quarter: December 21.
Lighting up: 4.22 ym to 7.33 am
High water: London Bridge, 4.14
am, 6.8m 22.4ft); 4.44 pm, 6.8m
(22.5ft). Avonmouth, 9.43 am,
11.9m (39.2ft); 9.58pm, 11.5m
(37.7ft). Dover, 1.19 am, 6.6m
(21.5ft); 1.48 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft).
Hull, 8.50 am, 6.8m (21.4ft); 8.40
pm, 6.8m (22.4ft); Liverpool, 1.39
am, 7.8m (25.6ft); 1.51 pm, 8.2m
(26.8ft).

(22.5ft). Avonmouth, 9.43 am, 11.9m (39.2ft); 9.58pm, 11.5m (37.7ft). Dover, 1.19 am, 6.6m (21.5ft); 1.46 pm, 6.2m (20.4ft). Holl, 8.50 am, 6.5m (21.4ft); 8.40 pm, 6.8m (22.4ft). Liverpool, 1.39 am, 7.8m (25.6ft); 1.51 pm, 8.2m (26.8ft).

A deepening depression to W of Ireland will move NE and a trough of low pressure will advance from SW across the British Isles. Forecasts for 6 am to midnight: London, SE, central S England: Rather cloudy, occasional rain; showers; wind W, backing S, WRATHER REPORT VESTERDAY WITDAY: 6 cloud: 1 fair: 5.

rain ; s, sun ; th, thunder.

WEATHER REPORT YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud ;: 1, fair ; 7,



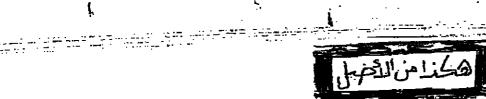
Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Cloudy with rain in many areas at first, then brighter with showers; snow at times in N. be-coming rather cold with night

Sea passages: S North Sea, Strait of Dover: Wind NW, gale, slowly decreasing to fresh or Strong; sea very rough, decreasing to moderate

English Channel (E), St Geo.g. s Channel: Wind NW, strong, de-creesing to moderate or tresh and backing SW later; sea rough, de-creasing to light or moderate. Irish Sea: Wind NW, strong or gale force, slowly decreasing to moderate or fresh and backing S later; sea very rough, becoming moderate.

Yesterday

London: Temp: max, 6 am to 6 pm 9°C (48°F); min, 6 pm to 6 am, 7°C (45°R). Humidity, 6 pm, 61 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, brace: Sun, 24 hr to 6 pm, 5.8 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,003.8 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars = 29.53in.



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"Does ITT give'a damn about Britain's balance of payments?"

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grants and contributions. Other sources had established that those authorities which did not reply spent at least £900,000.

But where expenditure by the

two groups was able to be com-

pared, the non-respondents had contributed at half the rate or

less. It was thus unlikely that

they would have spent as a whole more than £460,000, with about £40,000 on direct promo-

Replies to the survey, con-ducted just before reorganiza-

tion, came mainly from the

larger authorities, practically all the main cities, 78 per cent of county boroughs, 74 per cent of county councils and 94 per

The survey notes distortions

caused by biennial or triennial arts festivals, giving a nil re-turn one year but many thous-

ands of pounds the next, and to the fact that for some authori-

ties the main support goes to the local museum or art gal-

Others give "hidden" sub-sidies by publicizing arts organi-zations, providing officers to act

cent of London boroughs.

spending

last year

By Kenneth Gosling

Arts Reporter

'Shadow' jurors disagreed with one court verdict in four, penal research report says

Home Affairs Correspondent
"Shadow" juries introduced
into courts disagreed with the real jury in seven cases out of 28 in an experiment. In five cases they were prepared to find the accused person guilty, but the real jury found him innocent. In the remaining two, the shadow jurors disagreed with the finding of the

The experiment was conducted by the Oxford Penal Research Unit. In its report. published today, Mrs Sarah McCabe, senior research officer, and Mr Robert Purves, now a barrister, emphasized that in 21 trials out of 28 real and shadow juries were in substan-

real ones that the accused was

fial agreement.

"In each of these cases not 10 or 12, but between 20 and 24 men and women came to the same decision about the guilt or innocence of the defendent."

Acquittals were fractionally fewer than convictions where the two juries agreed, but, on the whole, shadow juries were more inclined to convict than to acquit. The report com-

There may be several reasons for this, but at least one of them must be the feeling of the real jury that the consequences of conviction, regardless of the sentence, are grave and that to acquit, where acquittal is at all possible, is

acquittal is at an possible, is better than to convict.

Throughout our shadow jury deliberations there are scattered references to the consequences of conviction. The agreement of real and shadow jury verdicts per-suades us that this consideration was equally present in the minds of the authentic jury.

The shadow jurors were selected from the electoral roll by the usual system. They heard all the evidence, sitting as the public in the court, then went off to reach conclusions.

large proportion of people from all classes agreed to give up a day for the experiment. They were paid the normal jury rate. The cases chosen, with the cooperation of the courts, were those likely to take no more than a day. They varied from malicious wounding to larceny, motoring, and drug offences and assault on the police.

Unlike the real jury, the shadow one found innocent a man charged with receiving. His explanation was that he bought the goods from somebody who had reason to have

obtained them honestly. Transcripts of the shadow juries' deliberations in that case show how argument swung members round to the belief that the prosecution had not proved its case. Originally seven on the shadow jury thought the man guilty.

The second case in which the shadow jury disagreed with the real one and thought a man innocent was over a burglary. The transcript discloses a reluctance by the shadow jury to accept police evidence of what a accept police evidence of what a and the defendant's explanation man said when he was first of his part in it. The report asked to go to the police sta-

We're just going on one man's word against another man's word... One man's against a policeman's. Why does a policeman make any difference?

He's trained to take things, these things, and to remember them. I don't know, all this talk about his being a policeman. It's a man against a man. You should treat that policeman as you would any other witness.
I don't question the policeman's honesty, just the phrasing; and

you're about to condemn a man, by the way, on one sentence which another person wrote down.
In another case, involving a woman accused of receiving, one

They (the police) know that she's guilty, but they just can't pin it on her, and therefore, being as they can't pin it on her, she must be given the benefit of the doubt. That's why I voted not guilty. A second juror replied,

heatedly: This is what you are doing though, supporting a criminal, a known

The report says that usually the shadow juries left the court room with a high level of agreement about their ultimate ver-dicts. There were few cases where more than five members were persuaded to change their

The shadow juries showed determination in looking for evidence upon which convictions could be based. When it seemed inadequate, they were not prepared to allow their hunch that the defendant was involved in some way in the offence charged to stand in the way of acquittal.

The criminality or otherwise of certain types of behaviour was a matter for discussion and consideration in the light of all the circumstances of the offence adds:

actus:

Prosecutors rely on the court and jury, rather than the CID interview room, not merely for proof guilt but for the definition of crime which the law itself is in-

crime which the law itself is inadequate to provide.
Defendants choose jury trial so
that their behaviour, their character, and their reputation may be
evaluated by their fellow cirizens.
For those who make this choice,
there is the inevitable hazard of
the varying response of jurors,
but from the evidence of the
shadow jury discussious there was
also a strong sense of equity that
took over when all the evidence
had been considered.
The Shadow Jury at Work by

The Shadow Jury at Work, by Sarah McCabe and Robert Purves, Oxford Penal Research Unit (Basil Blackwell, Oxford,

in voluntary capacities and giv-ing rent and rate relief. The new local authorities inherited uneven provision for the arts. Many new district councils covered areas with no tradition of public spending on the arts; while a strong civic tradition of support for the arts has developed in other areas, particularly in recent years.

The Arts and Museums 1972-73
(Arts Council Publications Department, 105 Piccadilly, London, W1V 0AU, £1).



Sir John Cohen, founder of Tesco Stores, joined a pre-Christmas celebration at the Camden High Street store yesterday.

Mr Foot cool over press freedom talks

By Our Parliamentary Staff Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, gave a guarded reception yesterday to the call by the Newspaper Society for an urgent conference on press freedom and the closed

He told MPs in the Commons standing committee con-opposition amendment to retain sidering the Trade Union and in the Bill provisions relating Labour Relations (Amend to safeguards dealing with ment) Bill that he would conwider the letter from Mr W. M. Young, president of the Newspaper Society, asking him to invite the National Union of Journalists, the Institute of Journalists, the Newspaper Society, Guild of Newspaper Editors and others a concerned about safeguards for press

freedom" to a conference.

But he added: "I doubt very that character is the right way to deal with these matters. The best place to deal with this question is the House of Commons." The Newspaper Society initiative had been welcomed by Mr Prior, opposition spokesman on employment, who said that something would have to be

written into the Bill to safe-guard press freedom. He wel-comed the fact that the committee was to adjourn until January 14, and hoped that Mr Foot would use the recess to find a way round the difficulty. The committee was continuing consideration of an

arbitrary exclusion or expulsion of members from trade unions. Mr Foot, winding up the debate, said the question how

to protect people in a closed-shop situation was of great importance. More individuals would be protected by the tri-bunal which had been devised than by anything suggested by the Opposition. He hoped it would be given a fair trial. The editors' difficulty could

not be overcome by law. That was why he was strongly in favour of the NUJ initiative for discussions towards devising terms that could be put into union membership agreements. The Opposition amendment was rejected by 11 votes to

In brief **Judith Ward** iail move

Judith Ward has joined the Price sisters in Durham jail. All are in the women's top security wing converted re-cently from that which formerly held the mail train robbers and other long-term men prisoners.

Miss Ward, aged 25, is serving a sentence of 30 years for the M62 coach-bombing.

Egypt official's theft

A man caught stealing a pair of trousers from a West End store was director of Egypt's Ministry of Industry, in London to attend a conference on behalf of his government, the Marlborough Street Magistrate was told yesterday. Fuad Ahmed Sobhy, aged 48, was fined 550 for the £3.99 theft.

turned to work at Heathrow yesterday after a four-day dispute, during which passengers had to carry their own cases.

The Price sisters were moved from Brixton prison on Sunday.

Baggage men back

Baggage loaders in British Airways' domestic division re-

Tomato me lobby MPs for oil cost aid

From Ronald Faux

Tomato growers from Clyde valley will lobby MP London today for help to ; their industry. At the enc the year the fuel subsidy the year the rues successfully tomato growers ends and in present EEC regulations not be replaced. That, they will expose a thousand personal property of the employed in tomato growin the Clyde valley to the effect of rising fuel costs place the Dutch and Belg growers in a vastly be

position.

The Clyde valley growers bitter because they were couraged by the Govern: and an investment of £ in new glasshouses to produ type of tomato that go swiftly but demands much r heat. In the meantime fuel have risen from £2,000 an

in 1971 to £5,300. When subsidy is removed the cost soar to £8,500 an acre. "The Dutch have acces "The Dutch have access unlimited sources of cheap When the subsidy goes Britain they will be up to Et an acre better off than Scottish growers. The induhere will simply collapse grower said yesterday.

Already a large ton bearing area has not been seen seen seen seen. The induhere will simply collapse grower said yesterday.

try is convinced that it car remain competitive without fuel subsidy. Growers are demand it should be mainta-until, it is hoped, they have benefit of North Sea oil, as Dutch have the advantage.

North Sea gas.

Another grower pointed that the Clyde valley accour for four fifths of Scotomato production. Whole prices have increased by more than a fifth over the five years while wages in industry had risen by more three tenths for men and for women in the past

months alone.

Half of Britain's tor requirements are imported although Scotland grows 7 tons a year now that figure is likely to fall dramatica "All we shall be as for is to have equal trading producers in Europe", grower said. "In order to be even we must have a viele 65 tons an acre. The return us in 1968 was 10.3p a por Last year it was 11.1p a po and costs have gone sky hi-Mr James Brown a gro in Lanarkshire, said he reduced his tomato crop f 10 acres to four and unless market improved he w

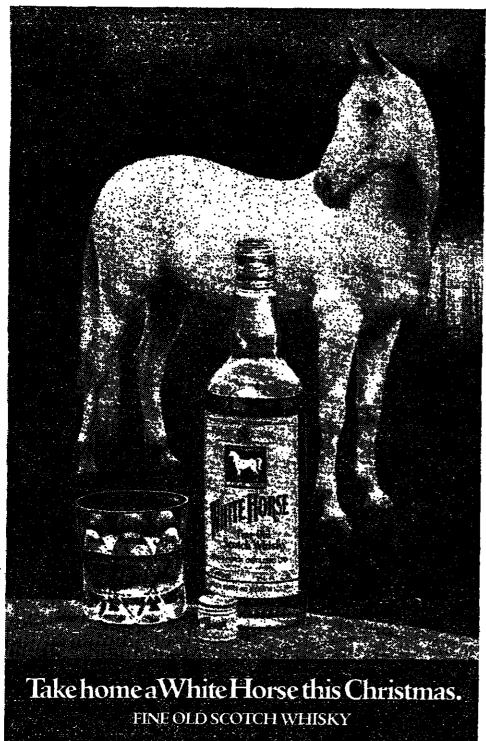
Law Society clears Colonel Brooks The Law Society announced vate rather than his professional vesterday that it is to take no life, action against Colonel John "In arriving at their decision

remain a practising solicitor.

The society said that its professional purposes committee had decided that the facts revealed were relevant to his pri- Walk, Chelsea, was awarded ap girls only with their consent.

Brooks, who figured in the re-cent "bottom-spanking" libel mittee were nevertheless not un-action. He will be allowed to aware of the adverse and wide-

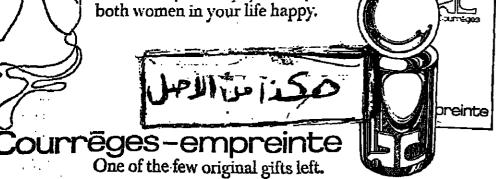
damages in the High Court last month in a libel action against the Sunday People. It had alleged that he lured girls into a "sex trap" on his motor cruiser on the Thames. Colonel Brooks, a former mayor of Ken-sington and Chelsea, denied the allegations and said he spanked



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From Ronald Kershaw Wakefield The penultimate seal on the fate of plans to extend the tives for. It is still possible that 5,400ft runway at the Leeds- the airport committee will come Bradford Airport at Yeadon

Runway extension plan

at Yeadon doomed

was firmly placed by the Policy and Resources Comof West Yorkshire County Council yesterday. By 11 votes to five it opposed extension Yorkshire

Council now joins Leeds Metropolitan Council in opposition to extensions, leaving Bradford Metropolitan Council alone in Metropolitan Council alone in an airport providing a full on the 2,000ft extensions, estimated to cost some £5m at 1974 Humberside region.

prices, has developed into a political battle with Labour members against and Conservaout in favour of extensions but it would be an empty gesture because money would not be forthcoming from West York-shire and Leeds councils.

The recommendation reject-ing the extensions said the runway should be kept open pending further investigation and that the county council should vigorously pursue the case for

Law to protect confidences suggested By Our Legal Correspondent the view of the Younger com-A tort of breach of confidence should be created by statute,

the Law Commission proposes

provisionally in a working

paper published today. It

would protect trade secrets and

actions to reach in confidence

that his employer would dist

him when he learnt it.

The third is where discloss

would cause distress. The

would protect trade secrets and

are suggested by the Law Com-

personal information and would replace the existing common law action for breach of confidence, the scope of which, the Law Commission says, is uncertain and confusing.

The new tort should be based on "breach of a statutory duty of confidence not to disclose or use information acquired in confidence except to the extent that such disclosure or use is authorized by the person to whom the duty is owed". The Law Commission's study follows could be of great value in the bim when he learnt it.

Drotection of privacy.

The third is where disclose

mission. First, where disclosure or use of information would deprive the person to whom the duty of confidence was owed from gaining financially from it. A typical example, the report says, would be where confidential particulars of an invention are used so that the inventor himself is unable to exploit it.

The second category is where disclosure would cause direct financial loss to the person. An example given is when one per-

cease production.

revealing the confidential that his informant was a ho sexual.

The Law Commission poses defences to the tort, cluding lawful authority to close, privilege, public inte and not knowing there wa duty of confidentiality.

It also suggests a new of disclosing or using infor tion obtained unlawfully. The Law Commission. Wor. Paper 58, Breach of Confide (Stationery Office, £1.20).

Proposers of candidates for Tory leadership will not be named

document states:

responsibilities:

1. If the position of leader of the party is vacant, an election shall be held as early as possible.

2. Otherwise there shall be an election in the House of Commons beginning within 28 days of the opening of each new session of Parliament, except that in the case of a new Parliament the election shall be held not earlier than three months nor later than six months shall be held not earlier than three months nor later than six months from the date of assembly of that Parliament. The actual date will be determined by the leader of the party in consultation with the chairman of the 1922 Committee.

3. The chairman of the 1922 Committee will be responsible for the conduct of all ballots and will settle all matters in relation thereto.

Nominations and list of candidates:
4. Candidates will be proposed and seconded in writing by MPs in receipt of the Conservative whip. The chairman of the 1922 Committee and scrutineers designated by him will be available to receive nominations. Each candidate will indicate on the nomination paper that he is prepared to accept nomination, and no candidate of the ca

nomination.

The names of the proposer and seconder will not be published and will remain confidential to the scrutineers. Nominations will close by noon on a Thursday five days before the date of the first ballot. 5. If only one valid nomination is received, the chairman of the 1922 Committee shall declare this per-

date will accept more than one

Committee shall declare this person elected.

If more than one valid nomination is received, the chairman of the 1922 Committee and his scrutineers will publish a list of the valid pominations and immediately transmit a copy to the two vice-chairmen of the 1922 Committee, the Chief Whip in the House of Commons, the chairman of the National Union, the chair-House of Commons, the chairman of the National Union, the chairman of the executive of the National Union, the president of the Scottish Conservative and Union; the Association, the chairman and deputy chairman of the party, the chairman of the party in Scotland, the leader of the party in the House of Lords and the Chief Whip in the Lords. Procedure for Consultation with House of Commons. House of Commons.

6. During the period between the close of nominations and the date

The procedure for selecting the leader of the Conservative Party was issued yesterday. The document states: ber of their views regarding the

7. Similarly, the leader of the party in the Lords and the Chief Whip in the Lords will make such

Whip in the Lords will make such arrangements as appropriate to obtain the views of peers in receipt of the Conservative whip.

8. In order that all sections of the party shall be consulted, area chairmen of the National Union will obtain the opinions of constituency associations, through their chairmen, and report their findings to the chairman of the National Union and the chairman of the executive of the National Union.

In Scotland the area chairmen will

Union.

In Scotland the area chairmen will similarly consult and report to the president of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association. They will also report to Conservative MPs within the area of their responsibility the views of constituencies not represented by a Conservative MP.

9. The leader of the party in the Lords, the Chief Whip in the Lords, the chairman of the National Union and the chairman of the executive of the National Union, together with the president of the Scottish Conservative and Unionity Association, will on the Monday Association, will on the Monday attend a meeting of the executive of the 1922 Committee for the purpose of conveying to them the collective views of the peers in receipt of the Conservative whip, the National Union and the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Association respectively.

First ballot : 10. The first ballot will be held on the Tuesday immediately following. For this ballot the scrutineers will prepare a ballot paper listing the names of the candidates and give a copy for the purpose of balloting to each MP in receipt of the Conservative whip. 11. For the first ballot each voter will indicate one choice from the candidates listed.

12. Where any members are unavoidably absent from the House on that day, through sickness or by being abroad, the scrutineers will make arrangements to receive their votes.

13. The ballot will be secret and neither the names of those who have voted for a particular candicate nor the names of those who have abstained from voting shall be disclosed by the scrutineers. 14. If, as a result of this ballot, one candidate both (i) receives an overall majority of the votes of those entitled to vote and (ii) receives 15 per cent more of the votes of those entitled to vote than any other candidate, he will

15. The scrutineers will announce the number of votes received by each candidate, and if no candidate satisfies those conditions a second ballot will be held. Second Ballot

16. The second ballot will be held on the following Tuesday. Nominations made for the first ballot will be void. New nominations will be submitted by the Thursday, under the same procedure and with the same procedure for with the same arrangements for consultation as described in para-graphs 4—9 for the first ballot, both for the original candidates if required and for any other candi-

17. The voting procedure for the second ballot will be the same as for the first save that paragraph 14 shall not apply. If, as a result of this second ballot, one candidate receives an overall majority of the votes of those entitled to vote, that candidate will be ejec-

teu.
Third Ballot

18. If no candidate receives an overall majority, the three candidates receiving the highest number of votes at the second ballot will be placed on a ballot paper for a third and final ballot on the Thursday following. day following.

19. For the final ballot each voter must indicate two preferences amongst the three candidates by amongst the three candidates by placing the figure 1 opposite the name of his preferred candidate and the figure 2 opposite the name of his second choice.

20. The scrutineers will proceed to add the number of first preference votes received by each candidate, eliminate the candidate with the lowest number of first preference votes and redistribute

with the lowest number of first preference votes and redistribute the votes of those giving him as their first preference amongst the two remaining candidates in accordance with their second preference. The result of this final count will be an overall majority of the votes cast for one candidate, and he will be elected. Party Meeting

21. The candidate thus elected by the party in the House of Commons will be presented for confirmation as party leader to a party meeting constituted as follows:

MPs in receipt of the Conservative

whip
Members of the Lords in receipt
of the Conservative Whip
Adopted parliamentary candidates
Members of the executive committee of the National Union not
leader included in the above already included in the above

Bow Group call to Heath allies not to stand down

By John Groser A direct appeal is made roday to Mr Whitelaw and other senior Conservative politicians to make themselves available as

candidates for the party leader-ship. The call comes from the influential Bow Group in the latest issue of Crossbow. An editorial article argues that, now that a new system of electing the Conservative leader has been recommended by the Douglas-Home committee, "it

would be wrong if those close to Mr Heath . . . give in to their natural reluctance to make themselves available. would turn any election into a farce and deny the party the full choice it has a right to expect." Mr Peter Lloyd, editor of

Crossbow, and immediate past chairman of the group, who fought Nottingham, West, in both elections this year, apparently speaks for the party's younger element when he says: It would be an act of great statesmanship if Mr Heath finally decided to stand down." The article questions the widely held belief in the party that Mr Heath will be proved right by events. It also declares that "it is clear that the bulk of the parliamentary party are

unhappy with Mr Heath's con-

tinued leadership ".

Groupers suggest that "over " next few years it is vital the Conservatives have a lea who is able to articulate a ; tive and liberal alternative state socialism that carries l conviction and humanity "

While conceding the for Prime Minister's private qu ties of vision and compass the article says he is "1 peramentally unsuited " for role that the new leader have to fulfil. He is, it is alleged, abou

lose his credibility as a ch pion of counter-inflation. Th is a growing belief that monetary policies of the Ho Administration fuelled inflaand contributed substantially the country's present econo

Crossbou concludes that main argument against Heath's continued leadership that the party under him ceased to know where it is go and what it stands for ".

Tory reversals, it says, "vealed the absence of a cl view of how the economy : society work and what the r tionship of government sho be to both ".

Leading article, page-

'Monolithic' basis criticize

National Union of the party needs urgent revision is being supported by at least three more of the 11 areas.

The general suggestion that changes should take place in the party's structure was initially made by the East Midlands Conservatives in a report now published though commissioned more than a year ago. It proposes that the party's national structure should be based on counties, not areas.

plauded by some other of the area executive committees who

A recommendation submitted also feel that "the monolic to Mr Heath by the East Mid-structure" contributed to lands Area of the Conservative failure to poll at full stren Party that the structure of the in this year's elections.

The review committee p special attention to concern the wastage of qualified pa agents. "It would seem the the only long term ansy would be to deploy agents or county basis.'

If that recommendation weadopted, due regard would help to be paid to the necessity employing full-time agents the marginal seats and scatter 1 15 One scheme proposed

constituencies. Its conclusion that the volves the employment time has come for the party to separate agents in the margin face realities," is warmly aports or scattered seats, and or one constituency.

Extra night patrols

after fire that killed 18 old people

Nomingham

As Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, con-firmed in Nottingham vesterday the need for an independen inquiry into Sunday's fire dis-aster, the county council ordered extra staff for night patrols at five homes similar to the devastated Fairfield Home

Mr Richard Wilson, leader of the council, said five single-storey homes similar to Fairfield were lacking smoke-detector equipment. It was hoped that detectors would be installed in a month's time. Until then night patrols would be on duty to give additional security at the homes in Worksop, Hucknall, Burton Joyce, Kimberley, and Mansfield.

These precautions are being taken in homes where, until Sunday's disaster, we did not foresee that there was an unacceptable fire risk", he said. "We are therefore playing safe until more thorough inquiries have established what risk there is and the best way to combat it."

The council's policy committee will be recommended today to make available the extra £36,000 needed to carry out extra fire precaution work

Mr Ernest Lester, chairman of the council, at its routine meeting yesterday, paid tribute to Mr Alfred Richings, who lives opposite the home and helped to save several lives, and to the assistant matron, Mrs Alice Johnson, and Mrs Jill Herbert, the night attendant. The council stood silent ant. The council stood silent for a minute in memory of the 18 dead.

Mrs Castle had earlier met Mrs Herbert, who was close to tears as she showed the minister round the wrecked home. Mrs Castle talked with officials and the surviving elderly residents from Fairfield who have here. field, who have been accom-modated at The Oaks home in

Modated at The Oaks home in Nottingham.

Later she said she would be consulting Mr Jenkins, the Home Secretary, on the terms of reference for an inquiry and its constitution. They would be made known as soon as possible. A decision would also be made an whether is about the made on whether it should be held in public

One of the points I have discovered with the local authority is that they reject suggestions that there was an over-concentration of infirm old people in this particular home", the minister said.
An interdenominational extra fire precaution work memorial service will be held several homes for the at St Giles's, West Bridgford, at 10.30 am on December 23.

Tighter controls urged for building plastics

By Pearce Wright

cience Correspondent Tighter control over the use some plastic materials in buildings is suggested in a report, Polymeric Materials in Fires, produced by the Fire Research Station and the Buildng Regulations Professional Division of the Building Reearch Station.

lt comments on anxiety rompted by incidents ranging rom small domestic fires, where burning of foamed-plastic urniture reportedly intensifies aster and produces more moke than traditional materials o big disasters such as those at lummerland, on the Isle of vian, and at St Laurent du Pont, n France, where plastic naterials were involved to a arge extent together with other the diffuse Because of

ature of the industries manuacturing and using polymeric those materials were not neces-taterials, accurate figures of sarily involved in the fire.

each year are apparently imprecise. The latest figures, for 1972, show 200,000 tonnes, of which 44,000 tonnes went into furniture. Analysis of the implication of specific materials in fires is obtained from the standard fire brigade report form K433. Although it is almost the only source from which information can be systematically gathered, the Fire Research Station report says the form is not suitable for collecting the necessary details about the involvement of speci-

the amount going into buildings

fic materials in fires. Available data indicate that in about a thousand fires, or 1 per cent of all those occurring in buildings, plastic materials are the first to ignite. In about another thousand fires plastic materials were used in the con-struction of the building, though

Cathedral choir to disband

Westminster Cathedral's professional choir is to be disbanded because of costs. The choristers will probably leave after next Easter Day's services. The decision was made by the Westminster Diocesan Council of Administration. The seven men choristers are expected to receive notice today.

School strike plan

Leaders of striking teachers who kept almost a million Scot-ish children off school yesterday plan to intensify their action if pay recommendations expec-ted by Friday are "inadequate". More strikes are planned this

No appeal on rape sentence

Christopher John Graham, aged 18, jailed for life for raping Princess Anne's secretary, was refused leave to appeal against his sentence

He pleaded guilty at Man-chester Crown Court on June 20 to raping the secretary at Chel-sea, to raping a Manchester doctor's wife, and to the attempted rape of an Iranian student.

Signalmen strike

A 24-hour strike by signal-men, which started at 6 am yes-terday, halted Southern Region trains in Hampshire and Dor-set, affecting thousands of com-

'Buy ticket on board' service next

month By Arthur Reed Air Correspondent

British Airways is to intro-duce on January 12 the first scheduled shurdle service in Europe on which passengers will pay on board the aircraft and nobody will be left behind. It may extend the principle later to main centres throughout the Continent

The shuttle service will be between London and Glasgow, on which British Airways carries 600,000 passengers a year. After January 12 there will be no need for any passenger to make an advance booking. Check-in time at the airports at either end will be reduced from the present 20 minutes to 10 minutes. Steward-esses will collect the £17 single fare on board, accepting cash, cheques, credit cards or government orders.

There will be no bar service or catering on the shuttle. British Airways promises travellers refreshments free of charge in the lounges before departure. It also guarantees that if there is a rush for any one flight, a second and even a third aircraft

will be brought up.
London to Edinburgh, Belfast,
Dublin, Brussels, Paris, Amsterdam, Düsseldorf and Frankfurt are routes on which such services could be introduced within the next few years, Mr Roy Watts, chief executive of British Airways' European division, said

yesterday.
Nine Trident airliners will be used on the London to Glasgow service, with 13 departures from London and 12 from Glasgow each weekday. That will more than double the present aircraft capacity on the route.

Captain Richard Twomey, manager of British Airways' domestic trunk services, said that as soon as an airliner on the shuttle service was full it would leave the terminal for take-off. A second airliver on stand-by would then be brought up. "This is not a hopeful promise but a very practical pro-position ", Captain Twomey said.
"We shall never turn anybody

Forceps left in man's body killed him

A pair of surgical forceps a hernia operation caused his death within six weeks, an in-quest at Aberdare, Mid Glamorgan, found yesterday. A ver-dict of accidental death was

The inquest into the death of Mr George Henry Thomas, aged S6, of Aman Court, Cwmaman, Aberdare, had been told that Aberdare General Hospital nurses found the forceps missing after the operation. But no one told the surgeon.

Mr Peter Jenkins, deputy coroner, said there was an assumption that the forceps seen on a dropped instrument rack were the missing pair. The assumption persisted despite the fact that the forceps were never found.

Why the surgeon was not informed I cannot understand," he said.

Dr William Reginald James the pathologist who performed the post mortem examination, said the cause of death was intestinal obstruction due to her-niation of the small intestine through part of the forceps.

Employers' chief calls for new leaders to allow industry to expand

Mr Martin Jukes, engineering employers' leader, vesterday called for an unspecified "new leadership" for Britain. He predicted that if the Government continued on its present course there would be a statutory policy on incomes before Easter.

Mr Jukes, director general of the Engineering Employers' Federation, singled out Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, for personal criticism. "I do not think for a moment he provides the leadership we need", he said. The forthcoming Employment Protection Bill, was "union-based and biased".

and biased" valedictory his Making address to industrial correspondents, Mr Jukes declined to be drawn on the politician or public figure he had in mind to run the country. "Until we to run the country. "Until we get firm leadership taking us in the direction which permits

Harrow boy on

A schoolboy appeared at

arson charge

Foreign Office

The Old Public Offices in

facade stays

and many interiors.

industry to expand we have no hope", he said.
"It is possible to have such leadership, as indeed was shown in France when de Gaulle was in power. French examples are not my favourite ones but no one can deny the stability that France got for a long period."

Without the right kind of leadership the Government would be forced to resort to a statutory incomes policy before Easter, Mr Jukes said. He put the odds at 5-1 on.

Mr Jukes, who retires as director general in two months told a luncheon in London of the labour and indusrial correspondents' group:
"There can be little doubt that if we continue on our present course we head for disaster." Recent legislation and counterrecent legislation and counter-legislation by succeeding gov-ernments on industrial rela-tions had caused disorder. Mr Jukes continued:

This disorder is not only at the level of the CBI and the TUC, at the level of the unions and

the EEF, but stretches down-wards. One meets what seems to be a degree of irresponsibility at all levels.

be a degree of irresponsibility at all levels.

I do not exclude engineering at the shop floor. Too often, district and branch officials lack influence over their members. Even union executives have no control over their members. We have seen examples recently where the shop floor has refused to accept their recommendations, indeed, the instructions of the executive committee of their unions. The shop floor has refused even to permit district officials to attend mass meetings and put the official point of view. One could be forgiven for doubting whether in some areas responsibility is wanted by union officials. Union members would do well to consider whether their abuse of collective power may not lead ultimately to anarchy.

Mr Jukes said the nation faced "a loss of credibility in unions and in institutions in

unions and in institutions in industrial relations generally." Agreements would not be honoured and policies adopted nationally would be frustrated on the shop floor.

'Retire early' plan to stop teacher unemployment

Harrow Magistrates' Court yesterday, charged with setting fire By Tim Devlin to a Harrow School house on November 25.

Education Correspondent Teachers should be en-

November 25.
The charge stated that Simon Rhodes, aged 17, did by fire damage The Grove and endanger the life of John Meakin and others. He was allowed bail to appear at the court on January 28. couraged to retire early to pre-vent unemployment as a result of the falling birth rate, Mr Stanley Hewett, general secre-tary of the Association of Teachers in Colleges and Departments of Education, said yester-

He urged Mr Prentice, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to consider a four-point plan to prevent unemployment of teachers and its "catastrophic impact on recruitment, which seriously is already verv

Whitehall, the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, is to be depressed ". part rebuilt. Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the The plan involves compensa tion for teachers retiring early; Environment, told the Commons a limit on the number allowed yesterday, that it had been decided to preserve the façades to reenter teaching; extending the teacher-training course from

three years to four; and more in-service training courses.

Mr Hewert told the association's council in London that because of the latest population

trends there had been a gross overestimate of the school popu-

overestimate of the school population in the 1980s.

He said: "It is clear that a teacher supply policy for a school population of eight million is going to be very different from one designed for a school population of 9,700,000. You cannot 'lose' 1,700,000 school-children and pretend that things are much the same as they were."

The department must reform its policies by not later than Easter. The priority must be to secure employment for the trainees who are at college and who have been accepted for courses next September. **WEST EUROPE**

Britain sees no threat to its North Sea oil from Community

From Roger Berthoud
Brussels, Dec 17
The idea that Britain's BEC membership poses a threat to North Sea oil was heavily discounted by Mr Eric Varley, Secretary of State for Energy, in Rrussels today

mans wanted assurances that if they invested heavily in their coal industry, that their coal would find a market even at high prices.

Less well-endowed partners, particularly the Italians, were afraid this might mean higher in Brussels today.

After his first meeting with the Energy Ministers of the Nine, Mr Varley said: "Providing it is accepted, as I think it is at least it was not challenged today—that North Sea oil policy is under United Kingdom national control, I don't think there is a threat." In a prepared statement, Mr

Varley told today's meeting: "I am sure my colleagues will understand that our reserves of oil and gas in the North Sea must remain under our national control." Mr Varley thought it mportant that no one had challenged this remark. The Belgian Minister had emphasized his understanding.

Explaining the nature of the

threat afterwards, Mr Varley said that at an earlier EEC council meeting there had been a suggestion for a policy of a true common market in energy products. This, he said, could have implied a policy of maximum depletion (exploitation) of reserves. But Britain had to hus-band its North Sea resources, which represented only two per cent of known world oil reserves, and the Government had made it plain that it would take powers over the rate of depletion. Oil was a finite product and it could not be re-planted every year like French

The North Sea was not the dominant issue at today's meeting, which amounted to a business-like but unambitious, attempt to re-launch the EEC's

ill-starred energy policy.
Other member states energy resources also had worries. The Dutch wanted to make sure they would be able to sell their natural gas at adequate prices. The West Ger-

high prices.

Less well-endowed partners, particularly the Italians, were afraid this might mean higher prices or Community subsidies.

The ministers did manage to approve various measures of conservation and diversification of supplies which could, if effectively implemented, reduce projected Community consumptions of the control of tion by 15 per cent and cut de-pendence on external supplies from the 1973 level of 63 per cent to between 40 and 50 per cent by 1985.

But this was modest stuff compared with the oil-sharing pool and other arrangements of the Washington-backed energy consumers' group, now operat-ing as the International Energy Agency (IEA).

Mr Varley emphasized the value which Britain attached to the work of the IEA, and in-sisted that EEC policy must be realistic and flexible. He pointed out that Britain was in a strong position to make a constructive contribution, not just because it had its own natural resources, but because it had deliberately maintained a strong coal industry and invested heavily in nuclear power. This already accounted for 10 per cent of all electricity supplies.

Palitab companies will benefit.

British companies will benefit to the tune of 7.35m units of account (pre-devaluation dollars) from a decision today to spend 42.4m units of account next year from Community funds to stimulate research into the extraction of hydrocarbons. Seal (UK) Ltd will get for research into remotelycontrolled production methods for use at a depth of more than 600ft under water. The remaining 960,000 units of account go

to Lang, Atkins for developing new drilling platforms for deepsea operations.

According to British officials,

Mr John Fraser, Under-Secre

tary at the Department of

Employment, was opposed to the veto part of the proposed scheme, principally because of the difficulty of deciding who

workers to stay on.

stringent safeguard against mass dismissals. From Our Own Correspondent Brussels, Dec 17 The ministers were discussing The British Government, with new proposed Community laws to oblige firms to follow certain practices in notifying and com-pensating redundant workers.

Redundancy veto rejected

the help of most of its partners in the European Community, today thwarted an ambitious Community idea to veto companies' plans to make workers redundant. At a meeting of social affairs

ministers of the Nine in Brussels only the French, with the support of the European Commission, were in favour of this

French economy on right road for M Chirac

Paris, Dec 17 Chirac, Minister, used the debate on the opposition motion of censure to draw a reasonably optimistic picture of the of the French prospects Hе particularly emphasized the spectacular results achieved by the Governemphasized ment in foreign trade. The deficit had fallen from 3,000m francs in July (about £300m) to

218m francs in October.
On the price front, the trend was also favourable. The average increase had in the past three months been reduced to just over 1 per cent. November and December should see it fall below 1 per cent, the objective the Government bad set itself.

"What can we conclude from this stocktaking?" he asked. "That we have won our economic gamble? I think to claim this would be premature. That we have lost it? It would be false and dishonest to pre-tend it. An objective analysis of economic indices shows we are on the right road."
The Prime Minister added that in the first half of 1975 economic activity would cease to slow down, and production should show a moderate increase. He hinted that the Government might take steps to reflate then.

Former nun arrested in child cruelty case

From Our Own Correspondent Rome, Dec 17

Signorina Maria Diletta Pagliuca, a former nun, who was sentenced to eight years and four months imprisonment for cruelty to sub-normal children under her care, in a home at under her care, in a home at Grotteferrata, was arrested today on the coast near Rome. The case in which she was involved was one of the gravest instances of systematic cruelty to children in a home acknowledged by the ecclesiastical authorities. She was in provisional liberty while her appeal was heard and it had been feared that she might have fled the country.

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Signoring Pagliuca was discovered hiding at the home of a woman whom she met while in the country of the country. prison awaiting trial. She was found by carabinieri in a cup-board under a pile of blankets. She maintained during hearings of her case that far from being cruel, she was in fact a saint.

Inflation doubled in Belgium

Brussels, Dec 17.-Consumer prices in Belgium have risen an estimated 15.6 per cent this year compared with 7.3 pe last year sources said today. The figure was provisional.—

While John Bull makes up his mind, only the Irish among his partners care much about his decision

British opinion swings towards EEC

Brussels, Dec 17

The image of the European Community Community seems to be improving among the British But, as the day of for continued EEC membership approaches most people in the six founder members of the Community appear not to care whether Britain stays in or pulls out.

These are two of the main findings of an opinion poll carried out by independent research organizations in the Nine and published by the European Commission in Brussels today. The survey, which was conducted between October 18 and November 22 this year was based on the this year, was based on the views of 9,000 people aged 15

and over.
The growing enthusiasm for the Community among Britons emerged most clearly from replies to the question: "If you were to be told tomorrow that (your country) was leaving the EEC, would you be very sorry about it, indifferent, or re-lieved?" In both Britain and ireland, the percentage of expressing regret en by 11 per people has risen by 11 per in the past year cent from 20 to 31 per cent and from 37 to 48 per cent respec-tively. In the case of Denmark and the six original members, attitudes have remained fairly constant, particularly during the period between May and

November this year. There are also more Britons now who believe that EEC membership is a "good thing" Over the past year or so the percentage has risen from 31 to 36. About the same number of Britons think that membership is a "bad thing" as a year ago (34 per cent in September, 1973, and 35 per cent in November, 1974).

ber, 1974). On the delicate specific ques tion of Britain's membership and how people in other EEC member states would react to a withdrawal, a mere 2 per cent of the French population and 8

per cent of the Dutch would think the effect "very serious". Inflation generally was singled out as the most important problem conuninterested with a total of 78 fronting the Community, closely per cent either not knowing or thinking it would not make much difference. The French, too, have a take it or leave it attitude among 68 per cent of

their population.
By contrast, many more of the British, Danes and particularly the Irish think that Britain's withdrawal from the Community would be "very serious". The figures in these countries are 18, 20 and 29 per cent respectively.

cent respectively.

The poll also analyses the various EEC problems which members of the public think are most serious at the present time. Nine out of 10 people throughout the Community thought a common fight against rising prices was "very import-

generally was singled out as the most important problem con-fronting the Community, closely followed by the implementation environment, consumer protect tion and a common foreign pol-icy in discussions with the United States and the Soviet Asked

whether combined action by the Community or independent action by individual member governments would achieve the best results, about seven our of 10 people were in favour of joint action to deal with four major problems—a policy on energy supplies, the fight against inflation, dealings with the superpowers and the fight against pollution.

The results of the poll were as follows, all figures being in percentages:

If Britain decided to leave the European Community, what do you think the effect of this would be? D WG F GB Ire

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Pressure to revalue Swedish currency

From Our Correspondent Stockholm, Dec 17

The Swedish Government was under pressure today to adopt an incomes policy for the first time and eventually to revalue

the currency. Five leading economists, including Dr Gunnar Myrdal, the winner of this year's Nobel prize in economics, urged the Government to strive for a package deal to curb inflation by reducing pay claims and re-valuing the krona. They also told the Government to borrow

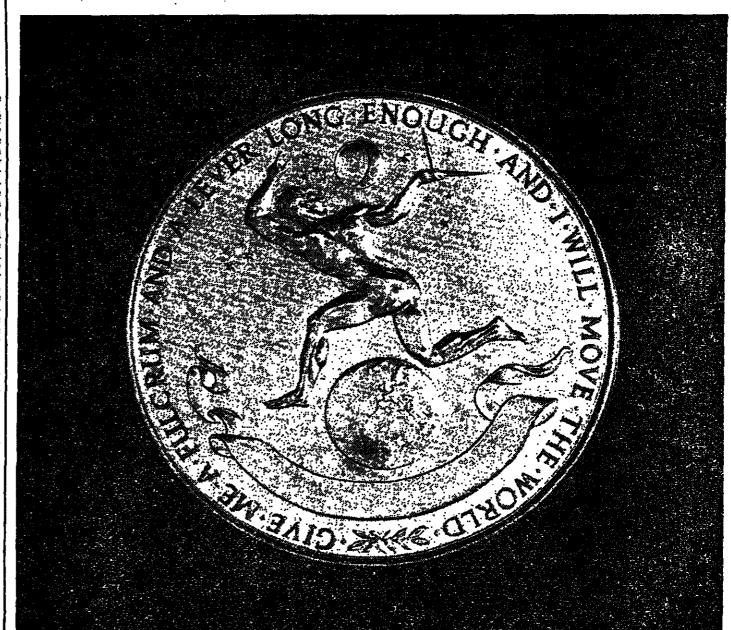
petrodollars to cover the soaring balance of payments deficit. Mr Trister Wickman, the governor of the Swedish central

bank, said in an interview today that the Government was not considering revaluation. added that de facto revaluation had already occurred. Since September the value of the krona has risen by 6 per cent

against the dollar. Leading banking sources in Stockholm said that Mr Gunnar Strang, the Finance Minister, was under pressure to adopt an

incomes policy as part of a package deal involving a re-valuation of the krona. There is on the other hand trade union pressure for pay rises of about 20 per cent.

It has been a rule in Sweden that the Government should not interfere with wage negotiations. But sources believe that international economic conditions, and prospects of a recession and mass_unemployment next year, may force Mr Sträng to abandon that rule,



ICI wins the MacRobert Award, 1974

This year's MacRobert Award has been won by five men - T. J. P. Pearce, G. W. Bridger, P. Davies, J. T. Gallagher and D. Cornthwaite -inventors of the catalysts which enabled ICI Agricultural Division to introduce its highefficiency, low-pressure process for the synthesis of methanol.

The Award is given for an outstanding innovation in engineering, physical technology or applied science which has enhanced national prestige and prosperity in the U.K.

> Imperial Chemical Industries imited

It is made annually by the Council of Engineering Institutions, on behalf of the MacRobert Trusts and consists of a gold medal and £25,000.

Methanol is an important intermediate in the chemical industry for the manufacture of building materials, paints, plastics and textiles. Of the twenty-nine plants designed and constructed throughout the world since 1966, twenty-three use ICI's new process.



Hint of Giscard shift towards Atlanticism

Paris, Dec 17

President Giscard d'Estaing returned to Paris today from put his personal seal on French diplomacy. All round it represents a considerable personal success for the President who was also making his debut on the international scene.

Underlying it all—the meetings with Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, and with Mr Ford with the Paris EEC summit sandwiched in between -was the President's own realism about what France can and must do during the present crisis in the Western world.

He told television audiences on leaving Martinique: "The world now has to face such serious risks that the rule for France must be international cooperation?

A France more cooperative, especially with the United States over energy problems, was exactly what the other EEC leaders most wanted at the Paris summit meeting. The nine, both in Brussels and in the Parisbased Organization for Econo-mic Cooperation and Developcerting energy policies.

But in France the question-ing has already begun whether 10 obtain American endorse-ment for his international conference between oil producing and consuming countries, President Giscard d'Estaing has not begun "slipping towards Atlanticism".

M Michel Jobert, who as Foreign Minister staged the clash with the Americans over energy in Washington in Februhas now recommended "asking M Chirac (the Prime Minister) what he thinks of this reconciliation with the United States". He recalls that until now when France adopted a position contrary to American interests that was dubbed

But except for L'Humanité, the Communist Party paper, which finds that the President has made "four grave concessions" to the Americans, the French press today supports him over the line he took. But it is a sober, not an enthusiastic support. "On energy, in particular", Le Figaro typically comments, "only a vague sketch of a compromise has emerged and on gold the Americans' concession does not really merit

In the Fort de France communique there is no precise commitment by the United States to the holding of a con-ference between oil producers and consumers, and nothing is

element President Giscard d'Estaing originally proposed, French observers point out.

returned to Paris today from Dr Kissinger, the United his meeting with President Ford States Secretary of State, has in Martinique, completing a left himself the rider that the formight during which he has consumer nations' preliminary put his personal seal on French positions must be "well prepared", but he promised not to adopt dilatory tactics. The original French and American positions on confrontation and collaboration with the oil-producing countries could easily reemerge in all their force, Le Monde fears.

M Fourcade, the Minister of Economics and Finance, com-menting on his talks in Martinique with Mr Simon, the United States Treasury Secretary, hardly played up the significance of the agreement on gold. The "real collaboration" between the United States and France would be seen in the coming months, he hinted, in the reorganization of the inter-

national monetary system. The acceptance by France of an underlining in the com-munique of the importance of its cooperation with Nato for the security of Europe, is sig-nificant. The burying of the old dispute over French com-pensation for American installations in France when General de Gaulle pulled France out of the treaty organization in 1966,

emphasizes symbolically the new Giscardian touch. Some observers in Paris are speculating whether the two Presidents went further and discussed the role of French tactical nuclear weapons within the Nato defence system. But President d'Estaing has to move extremely cautiously in view of the Gaullists. M Jean

Lecantiet the most Atlanticist minister in Government and leader of the Centrists, warmly praised the outcome of the Martinique meeting today, while t Gaullist party stayed silent.

M Giscard d'Estaing confirmed that he did discuss the so-called "arms contract of the placement of the Starfighter by four Nato countries, with Mr Ford, but the impression in Paris is that collaboration, and a dividing of the markets, can eventually apply only to future aircraft and not to the present contenders.

Fred Emery writes from Washington: President Ford today distilled for congressional leaders the "spirit of Martinique" as his entourage is already calling the new entente with President Giscard d'Estaing.

Mr Ford is well pleased, and believes that the two leaders have helped to turn the Gaullist

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OVERSEAS_

President Ford coaxes Congress into allowing military aid to Turkey for the time being

Washington, Dec 17

A last-minute compromise between President Ford and Congress has saved the foreign aid Bill, including military aid to Turkey. The Americans will continue to supply the Turkish armed forces until February 6.

The President will then have to certify to Congress that real progress is being made towards settlement of the Cyprus dispute. The Administration hopes that Dr Kissinger's efforts will by then have borne at least some fruit, or promise of fruit, and that Congress will permit aid to continue.

The foreign aid Bill covers a total expenditure of \$2,600m (£1,130m). Mr Ford and Dr Kissinger launched into an intensive bout of lobbying as soon as they returned from Martini-

The Security Council today

adopted a strongly worded resolution on Namibia (South-West

Africa), designed to bring

territory. The resolution was adopted unanimously after the

African countries had agreed to

some amendments proposed by Britain, France and America.

"illegal occupation" of Nami-

bia by South Africa, and the introduction of "racially dis-criminatory and repressive laws and practices". It then sets out

a series of measures that should

be taken by South Africa, and states that the Council will meet again on the subject on or before May 30, 1975, to review compliance with them.

In the event of non-com-

pliance, it concludes, the Security Council will consider

the appropriate measures to

It was this last paragraph

backstage negotiations before today's vote. In their original

draft the Africans had wanted to set an earlier date. They had

also wanted to make a specific

reference to the possibility of introducing sanctions against South Africa if the Security

Council was not satisfied with

the progress.

The Western countries were

to

be taken under the Charter ".

The resolution condemns the

pressure on South withdraw from the

From Peter Strafford

New York, Dec 17

further

Africa to

congressional leaders in the House of Representatives last night, and the President summoned them to the White House this morning.

Ostensibly, the purpose of the meeting was to hear the Presi-dent describe his meeting with M Giscard d'Estaing. He used the occasion instead to urge upon his recent colleagues the importance of preserving American influence in Turkey. Without it the American and therefore Western position in the eastern Mediterranean would be gravely weakened at a time when there was a danger of another Middle East war, and the Cyprus crisis would be no nearer solution.

The Senate had already been won over to the argument, and had passed the foreign aid still roun Bill with a clause allowing Congress. Bill

British officials argued that

sanctions against South Africa would be unrealistic, and would

tend to strengthen the hard-

liners in South Africa at the

Today's resolution demands

that South Africa make a "solemn declaration" to the

Security Council that it will

mandate was ended. The dec-

South Africa recognizes the ter-

ritorial integrity and unity of

The resolution demands that South Africa take the necessary steps to withdraw its "illegal administration" from the terri-

tory and " transfer power to the

people of Namibia Pending this transfer, it is

required to comply with the Universal Declaration of Human

Rights, release all Namibian

political prisoners, end all dis-

criminatory and repressive prac-tices and allow all Namibians

presently exiled for political

the United Nations Council for

Namibia, made it clear that the

Africans and their supporters were still considering sanctions

danger of arrest

against South Africa.

should also say that

expense of the moderates.

UN pressure grows for

Namibia withdrawal

que yesterday to save it. Dr \$187m in aid to Turkey until Kissinger went to a meeting of mid-February. The House steadfastly refused to compromise and insisted on maintaining an earlier ban on aid which came into effect on December 10.

A joint committee of the two houses met several times without reaching a compromise and the whole Bill was therefore on the point of death. Aid to other countries would have continued under so-called continuing resolutions, but aid to Turkey would have stayed blocked...

President Ford has persuaded the House leaders to relent. He has thus survived a major test of his ability to win essential votes in Congress. It is a sign that despite the disastrous midterm elections last month and the unkind things the inhabitants of Washington continue to say about him, Mr Ford can still round up the votes in

Rockefeller swearing-in ceremony

From Our Own Correspondent Washington, Dec 17

tomorrow

Mr Nelson Rockefeller will President of the United States on Thursday afternoon, an hour comply with past resolutions of the United Nations, and with the 1971 advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice, which said that South Africa's after the House of Representatives has approved his nomina-tion. The ceremony will take place in the Senate.

It is taken for granted that the House will follow the Senate's lead and confirm Mr Rockefeller with a large majority. The House judiciary committee approved his nomination last week.

The ceremony will be televised live and presumably President Ford will attend.

Rangoon rioters sent to jail

Rangoon, Dec 17.—A further 24 people were jailed for three years yesterday for taking part in riots in Rangoon on reasons to return without December 11.

In a statement after the vote, Mr Rashleigh Jackson, of Guyana, who is the president of A total of 62 people, mainly nen in their twenties, have now been sentenced to jail terms of three to five years. The offences ranged from stoning a police car to setting cars on fire and damaging public property.

Refugee Turks jeer **President Makarios**

From Our Correspondent

Episkopi Base, Cyprus, Dec 17 President Makarios was nearly mobbed by hostile Turkish Cypriot refugees when he tried to pay a goodwill visit to their two camps inside this British sovereign base area in south Cyprus today.

The Archbishop's eight bodyguards, armed with Soviet-made Kalashnikov rifles, took up positions around the presiden-tial limousine, facing about 100 Turkish Cypriot men, who were booing, jeering, whistling and velling abuse. President Makarios sat grim-

faced in his bullet-proof car while Mr Orhan Muftizade, the base administrator, a retired British Army colonel, tried to persuade the refugees to let the President's party through. But the refugees went on standing in the middle of a dirt-track half a mile from the

Paramali refugee camp, refusing to move. After five minutes the Archbishop's car turned round and sped off towards Nicosia. The jeering refugees ther

started stoning press cars and British sovereign base police patrol cars in the presidential motorcade. Several car windows were broken, but nobody was hurt.
This was the first attempt by

Archbishop Makarios to come into direct contact with Turkish Cypriots since he returned to a five-month exile. After being turned back at

the Paramali camp the Arch-bishop abandoned his plan to visit a second camp within the base area, at Paramali forest. an even hotter reception for the Archbishop at this camp. They blocked the approach road with boulders, overturned a car, set it on fire and blocked waited for the Archbishop to

They also stoned Greek cars travelling along the Limassol-Paphos highway, which passes through the base area and near the two refugee camps.

The 8,000 Turkish Cypriot refugees in the two Episkopi camps are angry with both the British and the Makarios administration because they are being prevented from moving to the northern. Turkish-occupied, part of the island.

Archbishop Makarios drove to Episkopi direct from emotion-charged meeting Nicosia with more than one thousand hysterically sobbing relatives of the 3,000 Greek Cypriots still listed as missing, five months after the Turkish invasion.

Rhodesians not ready to face black future

From Michael Knipe

Salisbury, Dec 17
Rhodesian Government sour-Mr Ian Smith, the Prime Minister, to persuade the white population to accept majority rule at the end of five years.

No one is prepared to admit that this is to be the basis of the proposed constitutional conference, as has been sug-gested by some informed sources—even less that parity might be reached in an interim Parliament. However, Government sources are confident that the electorate has sufficient faith in the Prime Minister to allow him considerable room for manoeuvre without the threat of a right-wing revolt.

Mr Desmond Frost, chairman

of the ruling Rhodesian Front, dismissed the prospect of majority rule in five years as unrealistic and said he believed it to be something that Africans and the press were trying to foster. The views of Mr Frost are significant in that they effect those of the conservative bulk of the party, the hard core of the Government's support. Speaking of the decision to

attempt negotiations, he said:
"Let's be honest, this was
something that the South
'Africans started It wasn't
something, as far as I know, that we started." He believed that South Africa's hopes were to see Rhodesia get inter-national recognition and settle its internal difficulties, "but not at any cost ".

at grass roots level. Mr Frossaid it was fluid. Some peopl ces indicated today that it found it difficult to understan would be extremely difficult for what was going on, but everyor

had full confidence in th Prime Minister.
Propaganda in the precould cause people to react i the wrong way, he said. Unle the press indicated to th

Africans that their demand were unrealistic, it could lear to a right wing backlash. Bishop Abel Muzorewa, tl./ acting head of the enlarge African National Council, calle a press conference today appeal to the press not to ha the previous divisions African nationalists. Indicati the importance placed on t Africans' new found unity. asked the press to recognize t ANC as the mouthpiece

unified African nationalism. The bishop expressed cr cern at the failure of to Government to release all African detainees as with promised in Lusaka.

The number in detention believed to be somewhere the tween 300 and 500 and the tween 300 and the tween 4.5 impression is that the Govern ment intends to release the gradually.

Bishop Muzorewa said Afracans would not participate in constitutional conference un all the detainees were release emphatic that the proposed or ference should take place Rhodesia and that Mr Smi should himself chair the pi

China takes tougher line in Soviet border dispute

Peking, Dec 17

The Soviet Union should reduce its armed forces on the Chinese border to the level of at least 10 years ago, if there is to be progress in the negotia-tions between the two countries, ir has been stated authoritatively in Peking. A discussion of the frontier

dispute, published in the journal, Historical Research also demands that Russia should cease sending spies to China, pur an end to military manoeuvres and "provocations" in the border area. It also urges the Russians to admit that they had seized territory from China by force in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries, and says that this is "the right way to solve the dispute.

This statement apparently lays to rest recent speculation that China is taking a "softer line" towards the Soviet Union and might be prepared to drop

the demand for a Russi admission of historical guilt is contained in the first iss of the journal republished t month after being stopped ding the Cultural Revolution. In recent years the Russia-

have developed a line of histo cal argument to the effect th their territorial acquisitic from China were just a reasonable. For China demand again that they shot change this is tantamount recognizing that there is prospect of progress in border talks in the foresceal future.

The article recalls that t Soviet leaders have recen denied that there are any d puted areas on the border. says that if the Soviet Uni sincerely wants progress in t negotiations it could begin withdrawing its troops fro Outer Mongolia and " Soviet armed forces in the Si Soviet border area to the le of the time of Khrushchey"

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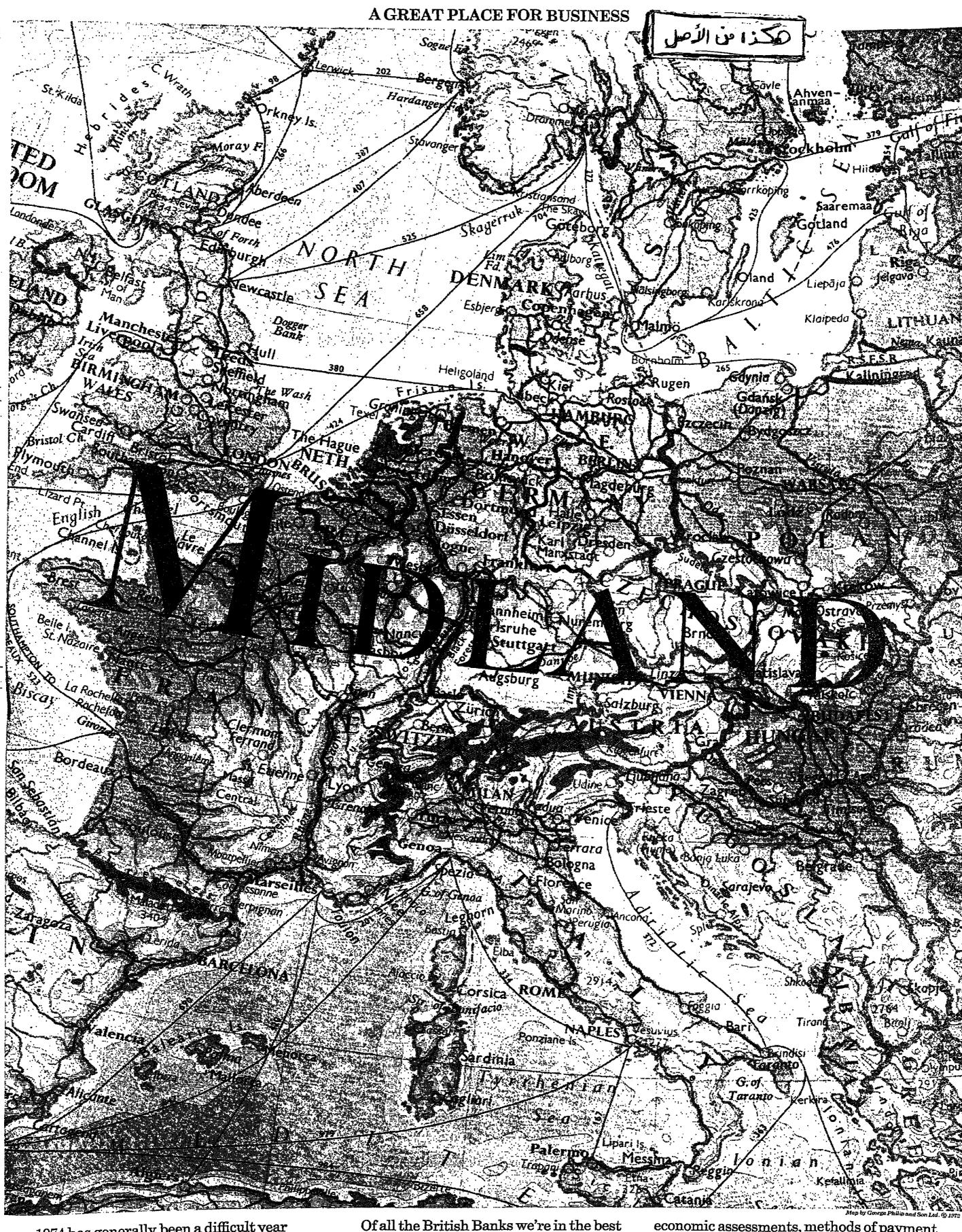
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Fear of Israel attack may force Lebanon to buy Soviet missiles

From Paul Martin Beirut, Dec 17

Amid growing fears that it will soon be the target of a major Israel assault. Lebanon plunged again today into the unresolved debate of how best it can defend itself. With the recent Israel air strike around Beirur still fresh in their minds Lebanese political léaders are weighing up the possibility of establishing an air defence

So far Lebanon has managed to remain outside the main battle arena in successive Arab-Israel wars. However, the upsurge in Palestinian guerrilla activity in northern Israel in recent months has threatened to embroil it. Israel has reacted with increasing severity to terror attacks, pinpointing Lebanon as its prime target.

The Israel air strikes around Beirut-the first military assault on the capital since the 1968 attack on the airport-have exposed Lebanon's lack of air defence. There is now a strong lobby calling on the Government to buy ground-to-air missileseven from the Soviet Union if

"Do we need missiles?" asked Mr Rashid Solh, the Prime Minister. "Of course we do." He promised the Government would not hesitate to purchase Sam systems from the Soviet Union if Parliament so decided, though Lebanon has a strong pro-Western bias and has been traditionally armed from this quarter.

The issue of Lebanon's defence is being discussed by the parliamentary, foreign and defence committees who will present their recommendations to Parliament. Although they will be covering well-worn ground, recent events have injected a sense of urgency.

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The recent string of guerrilla actions in northern Israel has sparked off this new soul-search-ing. Mr Suleiman Franjieh, the President, is reported to be planning a meeting with President Assad near their common border in the next week. He has already met Mr Yasir Arafat, the Palestine guerrilla leader, to discuss defence matters of mutual interest.

Clearly, the general feeling in the Middle East that war clouds are gathering once more, has in-creased Lebanese anxieties. Mr creased Levanese again Syria Arafat, for instance, is in Syria is reported to have said he ex-pects a major Israel attack against Palestinian guerrillas in southern Lebauon. Lebauese fears of an Israel push to the Litani river line have been re-

Although Sams are the topic of conversation at the moment the Lebanese are mindful of the recent history of defence fevers. Many agree with Mr Pierre Gemayel, the Phalangist leader, who declared about demands for building up the armed forces: "Our strength lies in our weak-ness." He went on to add that Lebanon should not " bring the bear into our courtyard ".

According to Mr Gemayel, and a strong lobby agreeing with his assessment, if Lebanon installed a Sam system " the enemy would use this as an excuse to strike at us." This he said could turn Lebanon into "another Pales-tine, if not worse". He pointed out that Lebanon had so far avoided losing territory to Israel.
The fact remains that a solu-

tion to Lebanon's defence needs is one so complicated that it has been in the past thought less dangerous, in the long run, to shelve it. Unlike other Arab fronts, the country's political make-up is too delicately woven to allow the stationing of other Arab troops on its soil to bolster

its tiny army. Likewise, material help in the military sphere from combatant states, like Syria or Egypt, en-dangers its present role on the Middle East stage. As Mr Gemayel pointed out, even a change in the status quo of its armed forces may be regarded by Israel as a "provocation". However, the roar of Israel jets over Beirut last week still rings in many ears.

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While much of the world is facing food shortages China has its problem too: how to store a record harvest. The people of Suchien province are relying, as the photograph shows, on silos built in the traditional terrace style of the region.

Israel claims Russians man Syrian missiles

From Moshe Brilliant Tel Aviv, Dec 171

Mr Shimon Peres, the Minister of Defence, asserted today that Soviet soldiers were posted in the Damascus area to man ground-to-air missile batteries. In reply to questions in the Knesset in Jerusalem, the minister estimated that there were

3,000 Soviet soldiers in Syria. "We don't know how many of them are in Syrian military positions, but it is known that Soviet military personnel operate some of the ground-toair missile batteries in the Damascus area and various electronic systems all over

Breaches of the disengagement treaties by Egypt and Syria had recently been discovered. A few days ago, he said, the Egyptians removed a dozen 130mm guns from a pro-hibited area after the violation had been discovered and reported to the United Nations.

During recent Egyptian manoeuvres, they moved weapons across the Suez Canal into Sinai in excess of the 30 tanks and 36 artillery pieces permitted under the agreement. They were withdrawn a few hours later.

The Egyptians also dug trenches on the east bank that might be intended for control centres for missile batteries, the defence minister added.

Mr Peres alleged that the

Syrians stationed weapons in the reduced forces zone of the Golan Heights. He was apparently referring to an Israel complaint to United Nations One month after Mr Yassir Arafat's speech at the United Nations which set off demonstrations among the Arabs of the West Bank, life has returned to normal in this Christian town north of Jerusalem.

The restrictions placed on its citizens by the military government, after school demonstrations and a one-day shutdown by shopkeepers, have been lifted. People from Ramallah and its twin Muslim nown, Al Bireh, may again leave the area and cross into Jordan. They can also resume the export of olive oil and other produce.

Ten shops which were closed indefinitely at the time of the commercial boycott have been allowed to reopen, after representations by the tawn's Cham. observers on December 13 that Syria had 90 tanks there instead of the 75 permitted and had the 75 permitted and had guns in excess of the 36 allowed in the agreement.

Israel military sources said it was not known whether the excess weapons had been removed.

Another Vietnam town taken

Seigon, Dec 17.—Communist forces have taken a second district capital in their present offensive in which Government forces suffered nearly 5,000 casualties.

casualties.

The Saigon Command announced that the Mekong delta town of Hung Long, in Chuong Thien province, fell after a three-hour shelling and infantry assault. The garrison fled. The town had been under siege since December 6, when the Communist offensive started in the delta.—AP.

55,000 Thai children die of malnutrition

Bangkok, Dec 17.—Malnutri tion killed about 55,000 children, aged under five, in Thailand this year, a report said today.—Reuter.

Japan does an about-turn on oil

From Peter Hazelhurst
Tokyo, Dec 17
The Japanese Government,
which has so far refused to
endorse proposals by the Western industrialized nations to
conserve fuel, announced today
that it is now prepared to reduce oil consumption in the duce oil consumption in the country by approximately 3 per cent during the next fiscal year. Significantly, the belated amouncement was issued after

President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaing agreed to align their divergent views on the question of energy prob-lems during summit talks at Martinique. Until now, the Japanese Government has consistently refused to cooperate with other industrialized nations in plans to reduce oil consumption.

The sudden turnsbout in Tokyo's approach to the energy issue is also attributable to the change in the leadership of the ruling party earlier this month. Less than three weeks ago, Mr Kakuei Tanaka, who was Prime Minister at the time, informed President Ford during their summit talks that Japan would find it difficult to reduce oil consumption under the plans put forward by Dr Kissinger, the American Secretary of

Mr Tanaka apparently told his American guests that while he believed the United States could afford to cut back on

One month after Mr Yassir

allowed to reopen, after representations by the town's Chamber of Commerce and on payment of a surety of about £800 against a repetition. Ramallah is the last of the West Bank towns to be freed from restrictions.

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Life is outwardly quiet again, but the demonstrations which hailed the United Nations re-

cognition of the Palestine Liberation Organization have

left their mark. The new mili-tancy of local Arab leaders is finding expression in a stream of petitions for the return of

nine men deported to Lebanon

Shopkeepers in Ramallah, busy with pre-Christmas trade, are relieved at the end of an emergency during which streets were patrolled constantly by security forces, but men show occupy them.

From Eric Marsden Ramallah, Dec 17

No West Bank regret for

brief display of defiance

reasons: Japan, unlike the United States, had to import 99 per cent of its oil; and Japan's high growth rate had been achieved because, in contrast to the United States, the coun-try diverted a higher proportion of its energy resources to industry rather than personal consumption.

Mr Tanaka explained to Mr Ford that 70 per cent of Japan's oil supplies went to industry. It is therefore significant that the decision was announced today, only eight days after Mr Takeo Miki the new Prime Minister—a man vehemently opposed his prede-

cessor's plans for a high growth rate—took office. Mr Toshio Komoto, the Minister for International Trade and Industry (MITI), told journalists that Japan had decided to join other will be a support of the company of the cessor of the cesso oil consuming industrialized nations in the West in their plans to save oil next year.

According to the Govern-ment's tentative plans, MITI hopes to reduce consumption by 150,000 barrels a day. Japan consumed 5.400,000 barrels of oil a day last year and the planned reduction next year will amount to some 3 per cent of the nation's total consump-

Mr Komoto said the target levels were still fluid and the plan would finally be endorsed when the Government gave the 's future e

no regret for the brief display of defiance. Like others in the West Bank, they are still bitter over the use of force by police

and troops to break up the pro-

PLO demonstrations.
In an interview before the

into his council room without knocking and banged on his table, ordering him to report to the governor within five

of Commerce and the Al Bireh council. He claimed that the

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and a recession, Japan's con-sumption of oil is expected to drop to about 283 million kilo-litres by the end of the present fiscal year. Although the Government has not announced any concrete targets for the coming financial year, MITI officials admit that besides the supplies of oil which will be allotted for normal consumption, an extra 6,160,000 kilolitres will be im-ported to build up the country's reserves.

A spokesman for MITI said tonight that Mr Komoto had specifically declared that the Government would reduce consumption but imports would not decline.

Mr Komoto did not give details of how the Government proposed to reduce consump-tion, but officials hinted tonight that office buildings and private houses might have to bear the brunt of a reduction in energy. It is also understood that television stations will have to limit viewing time and illuminated advertising will be restricted.

The Government calculated in August this year that the country would consume 300 million kilolitres of oil next year if Japan was to maintain a proposed growth rate of 5.2 per cent during the new fiscal year. According to the esti-mates of government economists, the proposed reduction in consumption would not present industry with any serious obstacles. The growth rate might island without any resources picture some shape next week. drop marginally to between could not cooperate for two. As a result of the oil crisis 4 per cent and 5 per cent.

Rebels from Zanzibar released by Tanzania

Dar es Salaam, Dec 17.—Ten detainees held on mainland Tanzania have been released, according to the Government newspaper the Daily News lifting of the restrictions, the Mayor of Ramallah, Mr Karim Khalaf, told me of the tense exchanges with Israel officials which led to the town's collective punishment. On the day that all the shops closed, he said, the military governor's aide burst today. Five of them were said to have been held in connexion with a plot to overthrow the Zanzibar Government, which led to the killing in April, 1972, of Shaikh Abeid Karume, the state's leader the state's leader.

The five were tried in their absence by the people's court of Zanzibar for treason and acquitted earlier this year. The other five, held in Tanzania on various other charges, were released after their cases had been

minutes.
Mr Khalaf, who was talking with councillors, led his delegation to the military governor's office for a joint meeting with representatives of the Chamber of Commerce and the Al Bireh The Daily News added that 14 others, including Mr Abdul Rahman Babu, the former Tanmilitary governor ordered the Arab leaders to reopen the shops immediately. When they demurred, he said he would leave them in the room alone for 15 military and the said he would leave them in the room alone for 15 military and the said he would leave them in the room alone for 15 military and the said he would be said to said the said he would be said to said the said Rahman Babu, the former Tan-zanian Minister for Economic Affairs and Development Plan-ning, and Colonel Ali Mah-foudh, the alleged leader of the plot, were still being held on the mainland. They were also tried in their absence by the decision.

The Ramallah councillors insisted on returning to their own chamber to debate the issue and were allowed to do so, although a decision in 15 minutes was still demanded. However, according to Mr Khalaf, before the time limit expired troops were ordered into action, seal. Zanzibar court, found guilty and sentenced to death in May.

Africans killed in fight at mine

Rustenburg, S Africa, Dec 17. -Four African workers have been killed and 78 others injured in serious inter-tribal fighting at the Bafokeng South platinum mine wear Rustenburg, in the Transvaal, during the past three days.

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Protesting Malaysian students put to test

From Our Correspondent Kuala Lumpur, Dec 17 Defiance by students of the Malaysian Government, kept up for a fortnight in spite of tear gas and arrests, will come under a different kind of pressure tomorrow when examinations

The students who have been boycotting lectures talk of boy-cotting the examinations as well. But the University of Malaya has said that anyone without a proper reason for not sitting the examinations will be deemed to have failed.

So, jobs and careers are at stake at a time when jobs of any kind are hard to find. About 700 students are due to begin taking their examinations for a diploma in education and an MAE degree tomorrow.

The examinations will begin in a convent school away from the university. Professor Ungku Aziz, the Vice-Chancellor of the University, has explained that conditions on the campus are not ideal. "We don't want people banging drums outside while others are sitting for examinations", he said.

Two students under detention will take their examinations in

will take their examinations in police cells.

A large turn-out on the first day of the examinations could bring an end of the bout of student demonstrations, the

largest and most protracted in years, against inflation, low rub-ber prices and corruption. The main test will come on January 13, when undergraduate exami nations begin.

The Government, however, is plainly disturbed and action

seems inevitable both to meet some of the students' demands and to establish tighter control. Already a publicity cam-paign is under way to rell the people of moves to soften the impact of inflation.

Yugoslav writer will stand trial tomorrow

Belgrade, Dec 17.—Mihajlo Mihajlov, the dissident Yugoslav writer, who was charged last week with spreading anti-Soviet and anti-Yugoslav propa-ganda, will stand trial on Thursday, official sources confirmed

Mr Mihajlov, aged 40, is a specialist in Russian literature and is known in the West for his books Moscow Summer and Russian Themes. He was arrested early in October in connexion with five articles published in American newspapers and Russian emigré journals in Europe.

Under the article of the criminal code concerning "hostile propaganda" he could face up to 15 years' imprisonment if found guilty.—Reuter.

Death sentence upheld on Mrs Park's killer

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Under an expropriation order served by the Ministry of Agriculture at the end of last month, the Bantu Trust will assume control of the Federal Theological Seminary of Southern Africa in Alice, Cape Province, on Boxing Day. After that date the college—which trains both Africans and Coloureds for the ministry for the Anglican. Constrongly worded statement says

ministry for the Anglican, Constrongly worded statement say gregational, Methodist and ing that the move "will produce Presbyterian churches will be in many a sense of outrage, be-

takeover is the need for expansion of the neighbouring Fort Hare University, one of the country's leading African educational establishments. However, it has been pointed out to the authorities that there is plenty of room for the university and the stable of the stab of room for the university to expand in other directions with-out having to expropriate the seminary's lands and its excel-lent modern buildings.

gregational, Methodist and Presbyterian churches—will be without a home.

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Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau in The Front Page, and right, Billy Wilder



Howard Hughes with Pat O'Brien and Adoiphe Menjou, and then again as His Girl Fri-

and then again as His Girl Friday where the sexes were switched and Rosalind Russell played the Jack Lemmon part]. Also as a script it's been grave-robbed: all the best jokes and current-lines have been pilfered for other new two wes.

So who needs it again? We do; but Mr Diamond and I had to shoehorn in an extra

seen through the eyes of '74.

We didn't repaint the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel, we just

The Wilder shores of journalism

In his native Vienna Billy with the late Charles Brackett an execution as just maker of films: his scripts, another few hundred words in maker of films: his scripts, another few hundred words in maker of films: his scripts, another few hundred words in maker of films: his scripts, another few hundred words in maker of films: his scripts, another few hundred words in maker of films: his scripts, another few hundred words in maker of films: his scripts, another few hundred words in the late Charles Brackett being a journalist believe me, even making films is a better better director partnership since Laurel and Hardy. It is which is what my father so as to avoid being a lawyer. It is which is what my father hards and exported leather handbags and the most literate and success-classic, acidly funny story of 1920s Chicago newspapermen bonour and permanence to the family name... like Nixon and "No", replied Wilder, classic, acidly funny story of 1920s Chicago newspapermen which, with Lemmon and Matthen starting, opens in London on Boxing Day.

It also belps that Wilder is a quintessentially bunny man: reminded by his wife over remanded by his wife over breakfast one morning that it was their first wedding anniversary he is said to have replied "Please, dear, not while I'm eating." Asked by the same wife to bring her back a bidet from Paris where he was researching Irma La Douce, he wired. "Regret hidet unavailwired "Regret bidet unavail-able: suggest handstand in

But despite his early condi-tioning Mr Wilder understands the somewhat jaundiced view of journalism taken by The Front Page:

"Journalists? Who needs them? All they ever ask me is what Marilyn Monroe was like and did she wear falsies: who needs that? The Front Page is family name...like Nixon and Haldeman did."

After a year or two on the Vienna beat (during which time he was sent one morning to collect views on "Mussolini and the new Fascism" from both Richard Strauss and Sig-mund Freud) Wilder moved on to Berlin, where he got a job with Erich Maria Remarque on an afternoon tabloid:
"It was the late 1920s: Ber-

was full of Brecht and Weill and Lenya and Emil Jan-nings and Lubitsch and Conrad Viedt. Things were bubbling, especially in films, and I began in my spare time to write scripts for the UFA company. ple on Sunday: the second assistant cameraman was Freddy Zinnemann and I guess we all thought we'd found the right business to be in." Ever since that time Wilder

able to write as well?
"No", replied Wilder,
"though I find it does help if a director can read a little. I started directing out of selfdefence: no writer wants to see his work burchered forever, and yet a mere writer is not allowed to hang around the set safeguarding it . . pro-ducers figure he's liable to make trouble."

What made Wilder move from Berlin to Hollywood? "Ambition and Hitler in roughly equal measure: it was the mid-thirties, clearly Pd have had to move soon anyway as Austrian Jews weren't very Robert Siodmak was there shooting a picture called People on Sunday. The state of the state of the sunday of the state of the sunday of the su good place to be it I wanted to go on writing pictures. When I arrived there, I didn't speak a word of English; well, I had a word or two but they weren't the kind of words the Hays Office liked. So I went to live in a cupboard, which some land-

lady called a room in down-town Los Angeles: I shared it with Peter Lorre for a while and together we lived on cans of soup, learning the English language in so far as you can learn the English language in Los Angeles. But it's easier to survive in California with no money—you don't have to worry about clothes or heat-Wilder and his first script

partner, Charles Brackett, wrote Ninotchka for Garbo in 1939; three years later, again with Brackett as co-writer, Wilder made his debut as a director with The Major and the Minor. The result was a Paramount contract which lasted unbroken through to Sabrina Fair in 1954 by which time Wilder was writing with his present partner, I. A. L. Diamond. Ali in all he has made 30 films, been uominated for 21 Oscars, won six and taken in around forty million dollars at the box-office. Tele-vision is even beginning to

stage Wilder seasons in the United States.

"Old films haunt you forever. In this business we never bury our dead. We bring out the corpses and show them on the corpses and show a limb television to make a little more money." But in among the successes

there have been a goodly few disasters—movies like Kiss Me

Sheridan Morley

Ine Private Life of Sherlock seconds to sign them. They'd Holmes where the tightrope of comented their partnership in taste and timing on which The Odd Couple (not mine) wilder constructs his movies and Americans, you know that the constructs has somehow given way winder constructs his movies has somehow given way.

"Sure there have been disasters—but you can't play it straight for ever. I throw curves now and again just to keep people awake. Take The Front Page: it's a highly successful stage play from the Thirties, it's already been filmed twice [once in 1931 by Howard Hughes with Pat

America this month; then, on January 2, Wilder and Diamond go back to their type-writers "to whip up the next one". What will it be? "The story of Hollywood over six decades: kind of like

The Forsyte Saga—beginnings, giories, last days, that sort of thing. But at least it'll be an original screenplay so nobody can say we loosed it up." Mr Wilder is now 68: would there, I wondered finally, ever

thousand or so jokes, so now it still looks like 1929 but it's '29 come a time when he stopped. making films?

of the Sistine Chapel, we just proposed it up."

What about Lemmon and Matthau?

"Well, I'd brought them together first for The Fortune Cookie [known here, God knows wby, as Meet Whiplash Willie] in 1967 and so this from time to time."

"And do what? If you've been a juggler all you're not suddenly going to be any good as a demistration factory—at least you carry, the confectory—at least you carry, from time to time."

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Swan Lake Covent Garden

John Percival

This Swan Lake is the best of the Royal Ballet's big nine-teenth-century productions: the choreography probably closed than any rival to the classic Petipa and Ivanov, and Leslie Hurry's decors avoiding modish affectations, although the lighting is not all that it might be.
One or two minor improvements could easily be made
(putting the swans into longer
dresses again is the most obvious), but basically it is a good
showcase for the company and its stars.

Surprising as it must seem Monday night was the first time Antoinette Sibley and Rudolf Nureyev had danced it together. Nureyev had danced it together.
Their first duet was smoothly
done, but lacked emotion
because she snatched only one
quick glance at him and most of the time resolutely stared out at the audience. His eyes, searching her face for response, found none. That is no way to dance a love duet.

dance a love duet.

Perhaps someone introduced them in the interval, because after that Sibley did seem more conscious of her partner. They could be a fine team, his strong physique setting off her fragility, if she would let herself go and act with more conviction. viction.

siction.

Sibley's solos were attractively done, with an effective concentration on speed in Odile's variation; but if a ballerina is going to omit the famous 32 fouettes the substitute manège needs to be just a little more brilliantly carried off to make up.

off to make up.

Consequently, the coda to the
"Black Swan" duet depended
more than usual on Nureyev,
and luckily he was in more than
usually good form, with a notably. fast, zippy set of
pirouettes. Earlier, his arabesque landings from air-turns
were admirably held.

were admirably held.

Laura Connor made a crisp showing in the pas de trois and Michael Coleman soared strongly in his solo, but Marguerite Porter's bright, beautiful smile could not entirely disguise bent arms, shaky turns and poky feet, Lesley Collier and Wayne Sleep whizzed cheerfully through the whizzed cheerfully through the lively Neapolitan dance, but two young aspirants in the girls' solos of Ashton's pas de quatre looked desperately out of their depth.

Some of the notices on this page are reprinted from yesterday's later editions.



Two Girls in a Rowboat, by Winslow Homer

American realist

Winslow Homer has a place of soldiers exhibited show his high esteem in America as one who devoted a faithful realism to representing various aspects of American life in the second of American life in the second half of the nineteenth century, and the selection of his drawings and a number of oil sketches from the Cooper-Hewitt Collection in the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, now on view in London at the Victoria and Albert Museum, well conveys the wide range of this art and its individual character.

Character.
Trained in lithography,
Homer took readily to illustration. The Civil War was one of his early subjects, and the numerous chalk studies of Dr Who and the Daleks

From Shakespeare to Sam

Shepherd, anything goes on the modern stage, but when it comes to Dr Who the theatre

has to reckon with an expert

public. The rules are inflexible

and known to all; and the job of supplying an acceptable live equivalent for this electronic plaything is quite enough for any production team.

There is a memory in Seven

There is a moment in Seven

Keys to Doomsday when Terrance Dicks allows authorship to

go to his head, and permits the Doctor to open a Dalek like a hinged biscuit tin and scrape

out its occupant while the rest

of the cast avert their eyes in crabs and lobster-cla horror. For suggesting that dile-muzzled guards.

Adelphi

Irving Wardle

tension of the moment, and many other drawings testify to the extent to which he became a painter of the sea and the heroic encounters of which it was the scene. A watercolour study for The Gulf Stream has reference to the picture of 1899 made widely known by reproduction (Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York), though the finished work has a wider implication in the shark-infested waters and approaching typhoon that threaten the lone Negro sailor in his dismasted barque. capacity for instant and vivid impression, sometimes suggesting a pictorial parallel with Stephen Crane's Red Badge of The rustic idyll was another

phase in which he excelled, and the charm of American country the charm of American country girls in their simple gingham dresses and perky straw hats is realized with a sensitive quality of line. His boy on a swing, 1879, is very "Huckleberry Finn". A turning point in his art was his visit to Tynemouth, England, 1881-82. As well as developing the use of water-colour he was impressed by the drama of the sea. His Fishermen in Oilskins, Tynemouth, watching a storm has all the Daleks contain anything more than the standard printed cir-cuit, Mr Dicks deserves a re-

rush to his assistance, while the

past faces of the Doctor flash up on the back wall; finally he

raises his head revealing his latest metamorphosis into Trevor Martin a rather sar-

donic mask for so benevolent

ferried the party over to the

planet Karn and stood his

ground against its man-eating

crabs and lobster-clawed, croco-

A complement to the drawings in the exhibition are the small oils in a tentatively Impressionist style and the artist's more pastoral vein. Full electronic illusion is beyond the reach of any stage production; so Mick Hughes and John Napier, his brilliant designer, have settled for the only feasible alternative and magnified the scale of effects.

barque.

William Gaunt

cuit, Mr Dicks deserves a rehabilitation sentence down in
the reactor room. But otherwise
he knows his place and offers a
blamelessly correct Tardis adventure, that makes up in selfcontainment for what it lacks
in time-slip complexities.

A bowed figure staggers out
of the famous blue box; two
plants in the audience (Wendy
Padbury and James Mathews)
rush to his assistance, while the Besides the stage there is a bank of nine streens where inter-stellar skies mingle with fantastic vegetation, a bestiary of grotesque heads and enormous eyes. The screens are built around the equivalent of a Crash train and a land. a Greek tragic portal; a black hole through which dreadful things happen and from which they stealthily emerge under cover of-shadows and smoke.

When the ultimate horror is a character, but you get to accept it by the time he has announced, a murmur of affection runs through the house, and on slide the Daleks to general applause. Nobody actually said "Aah 1", but they might just as well have been koala bears.

A happy mixture

The Sun is God

Thames

Michael Ratcliffe

"This way, Mr Ruskin. . . Notorious Woman, now happily out of her misery (and ours) has made us so nervous of the humourless head-hunting that passes fo instructive entertainment in television's neo-Hollywood serials that I feared for a moment that Michael Darlow's drama-documentary of Turner's life and art was about to follow the same path. Not a bit: Mr Darlow is a versatile and intelliparlow is a versatile and interingent director, with the clear-headed discretion to bring off the "Genocide" opisode in The World at War and the common sense to make something crisp and funny from The World of fimmy Young. Common sense, clearheadedness, a good eye and, above all, a sense of discip-line and pace, were all distinguishing elements of The Sun is God, the happiest mixture of drama and documentary that I have seen for some time.

The protagonist must share the credit. Mr Darlow and his producer, Jolyon Wimhurst, picked Leo McKern to impersonate Turner. Mr. McKern is an actor to tear a passion to tatters, but while it was to be expected that he would roar for the scarlet lake and burnt umber in fine style, it was more sur-prising that he found such a contained power in the painter's inner withdrawal, such tender-ness in Turner's love for his flashes to the sun".

father, or in the scenes with Sarah Danby, Mrs Booth and the Egremont children at Pet-worth House. Indeed, Mr. McKern has never been seen to: better advantage.

Mr Darlow devised a marvelous buffo episode, alive with

raised arms and running ser, vants, tumbling children and small does, flying silver, kinen, and breakfast dishes, as an ingenious, if optimistic, explanation for that aftermath of catalant smalls as a land to the same simply as Inc. strophe known simply as In-terior at Petworth (Royal! Academy catalogue, number; 339). Debussy's music, used 339). Debussy's music, used throughout, will only do for the very abstract. "unfinished" Turner; its l'unord flutes and harps were much too cool for Rain, Steam and Speed or for such a savage work as Slavers. Throwing Overboard the Dead and the Duing (R.A. 518), but this was a minor miscalculation when set beside the pictorial and literary qualities of the programme as a whole.

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Mike Fash's dazzingly soft photography complemented the early English landscapes and the later Venetian ones so well the later Venetian ones so well that there was never a jolt as we moved to and fro between Turner's paintines and the artificial modern light of studio and location. The words of John Ruskin (played with great affection by Nicholas Jones), as he spoke of blood and fire, of beauty disincegrating into terror, of the worm at the root, took us firmly into the darkness that lay to either side of what Turner himself, no mean hand with a phrase either, called

Stratford's Winter Festival

The annual season of ballet, drama and music at the Royal Shakespeare Theatre is to be consolidated into an annual Winter Festival of the performing arts, and the first will take place from January 29 to March 8 next year. The festival will follow on the Royal Shakespeare Company productions of Twelfth Night and Macheth, whose run

Company productions of Twelfth Night and Macbeth, whose run has been extended to January 25. The Winter Festival opens with a recital by Joan Sutherland, accompanied by Richard Bonynge. There will be a two-week season by the Royal Ballet (February 3-15) and an opportunity for Midlands audiences to see John Barton's Aldwych prosee John Barton's Aldwych pro-duction of Marlowe's Doctor

Faustus and Emrys James as Mephostophilis (February 18-22). Morecambe and Wise will make their first ever appearance at the Royal Sandespeare Theatre on March 3 and 4.
Other events will be: January 30, piano recital by Peter Katin; January 31, Gilbert and Sullivan for All; February 1, Syd Lawrence Orchestra; February 24 to March 1, Stratford-on-Avon Amateur Operatic Spriety in

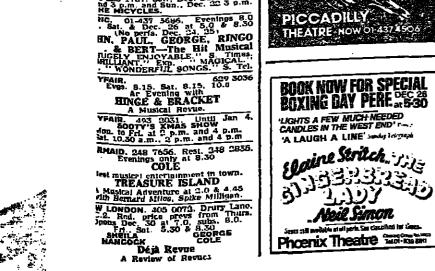
Faustus with Ian McKellen as

Amateur Operatic Society in Bitter Sweet; March 5, Jacques Loussier Trio; March 6-7, Johann Strauss 150th-year anniversary concerts with June Bronbill, Marcus Dodds and Vilem Tausky; and March 8, Handel Opera Society in Jephtha.

Paul Scofield in a Coward comedy

Paul Scofield, making his debut in a Noël Coward play, will perform in Present Laughter, on Radio 4 on Monday at 8 pm. The programme will be repeated on Sunday, December 29, on Radio 3 and 4 at 2.30 pm.

The author said he wrote the light comedy "with the sensible object of providing me with a bravura part". This is t1e role to be undertaken by Mr Scofield, that of the egotistical actor Garry Essendine. Mr Scofield's wife, Joy Parker, will play his stage wife, Liz, and Fenella Fielding, Patricia Routledge and Roland Maule will be heard in



Bleak future ahead for England

Cricket Correspondent Perth, Dec 17

There was no defiance here today from those who really mattered. Titmus made 61 and 01d 43, but once again England's specialist batsmen failed them dissected in the specialist batsmen failed the specialist batsmen fa mally. With 50 minutes left this evening therefore, and all tomorrow to spare, Australia won the second Test match by nine

To make anything of a fight of it Greig and Denness had to get a start this morning. It was an ideal day for batting, with a breeze to ripple the flags and another 31 overs to be bowled before Lillee overs to be downed before Lines and Thomson could lay their hands on a new ball. The only clouds in the sky were from the bushfires burning in the hinterland. There was a lot more in favour of the batsman than the bowler. But within 25 minutes of the start the

match was as good as over.

In his first three overs Thomson removed Greig, Denness and Fletcher. "Except for Colin they have forgotten where their off stump is", said Bill Lawry, Australia's captain until Ian Chappell took over, which is another way of saying that these three were all out playing balls which in the cir-cumstances they could, and should. have left alone.

cumstances they could, and should, have left alone.

It is as much of a mental problem as a technical one. Most of England's batting in this match was rotten. This is what happens, though, to a side that gets softened up by bowling which is much faster than they are accustomed to. Twice I have seen it happen to Australia in Just the same way. The first was here in 1954-55, when a side containing such batsmen as Morris. Harvey, Miller, Burke, Hole, Davidson and Benaud, was unnerved by Tyson and Statham. The other occasion was in South Africa in 1969-70 when Australia, with Lawry, Ian Chappell, Sheahan, Redpath and Stackpole, were so shaken up by Procter and Peter Pollock that no one would have backed them, by the end of the series, to take a Test match into the fourth day.

This is what worries me now. Both in 1954-55 and 1969-70 there was no recovery. England went two down in the rubber today. The last time they lost the first two Test matches out here was in 1958-59, with a much better side.

Test matches out here was two Test matches our nere was in 1958-59, with a much better side than Denness has. Australia went on to win by four matches to none. In recent Test history the only occasion when England have come back from losing the first two Test matches on a major

Thomson W. Greig, c G. Chappell, b nomson W. R. Flatcher, c Marsh, b P. E. Knott, c.G. Chappell, b

Total 234. FALL OF WICKETS: 1-62, 2-106. -129, 4-724, 5-154, 6-156. -129, 3-285, 9-293. BOWLING: Liliee, 22-5-59-2; homson, 25-4-93-5; Walker, 4-7-76-1; Walters, 9-4-17-0; dailott, 11.1-332-2.

Australia won by nine wickets, THIRD TEST: Dec 26-31, Helbourne. FOURTH TEST: Jan 4-9, Sydney, FIF-1H TEST: Jan 25-30, Adalaide. SIXTH TEST: Feb 8-14, Melbourne.

Newcombe worried about his excess weight Newcombe did not need to hit top gear today in dismissing Pinner but relished the opportunity to run around the court in the blistering

Sydney, Dec 17.—John New-combe, the former Wimbledon champion, reached the third round of the New South Wales championships here today and then headed for the hills to shed excess weight. Newcombe, 30, beat Uli Pinner, of West Germany, 6—4, 6—4, in the second round today but admitted afterwards that he was "anything but happy with his form and weight".

Pinching the flesh around his waist, he said: "I've got to get this stuff off if I want to win here and then show Jim Connors in the Australian championships next week that he is not entitled to top world ranking ".

Newcombe then left the courts to run up a steep hill near his Sydney home in an attempt to tone up for the task ahead. He has spent the past two days running up and down the hill and feels the tough course will have him at peak fitness by the end of the

week.

"! reckon I'm six or seven
pounds overweight and not as
strong in the legs as I should be ".
said the world's former No 1 who
failed this year at Wimbledon,
Forest Hills and in last week's
masters tournament in Melbourne.

excess weight.

Mrs Margarer Court, 11 times
Australian women's champion, who
is making a comeback, had to overcome plucky resistance from
fellow-Australian Christine O'Neill

heat in a bid to sweat out any

too.

who

might contain three, possibly four, Englishmen: Cowdrey and Titmus,

the women's singles.

MEN'S SINGILS.—First round, U. Phiner (West Germany) beat H. Britialin 6—4 ()—5. Second round; M. Achette (UE) beat F. Stolle 6—4. 6—5: G. Masters beat J. Andres (US) 6—1. 7—5: R. Crasly beat P. Beust France) 6—3. 6—2: R. Reid (US) beat R. Lewis 6—1. 1. Low-Mayor 1. S. Ball beat N. Mayor 1. S. Ball beat N. Mayor 1. S. Ball beat N. S. Ball beat N. S. Ball beat Y. S. Docherty (US) 6—1. 6—4: P. West Germany; 6—4. 6—4: A. Roche brall S. Docherty (US) 6—1. 6—2: Q. Marvantillova (USSR) Second round: W. Court beat G. D'Neuli 7—5. 6—2: Q. Marvantillova (USSR) 6—2: Q. Marvantillova (USSR) 6—2: S. Challao (US) beat M. Navraltillova (USSR) 6—2: S. Greer (US) beat M. Navraltillova (USSR) 6—2: G. S. Balland (US) beat M. Hallam 6—0. 6—1: S. Greer (US) beat W. Turn-bull 6—2: Second Formal Second Formal Second (US) beat Y. Martinez (US) beat P. Michel (US) beat M. Raminez (US) beat P. Michel (US) beat M. Raminez (US) beat M. Mottram (US) beat M. Raminez (US) beat M. Raminez (US) beat M. Mottram (US) beat M. Raminez (US) beat M. Raminez (US) beat M. Mottram (US) beat M. Raminez (U

· Rackets

Young Cowdrey's turn to face a vicious attack

By Our Rackets Correspondent Eton disclosed their hand in the colts division of the schools rackets championships at Queen's Club yesterday. H. R. Murray-Philipson, the top seed, looked im-pressive and another Faber. David, appared on the scene. The unfortunate player who tackled Murray-Philipson was tackled Murray-Philipson was Jeremy Cowdrey, second son of Colin, currently trying to shore up England's defences in Australia. Young Cowdrey could only win one point and the Etonian's service was remarkably vicious for

a youngster.

Jeremy Cowdrey's elder brother.

Christopher, would, by the way, have competed in the Foster Cup but for the fact that he leaves today for South Africa with a schoolboy cricket team, the Crocodiles. This Christmas finds the Cowdrey family scattered.

Murray-Philipson, a competent, mature-looking plaver, has plaved for Eton's first pair and is the current school champion, having beaten one of their Foster Cup representatives, R. J. O. Graham, in the final. Whether there is anyone to hold him in this event is

one to hold him in this event is doubtful unless he becomes over-confident. His three chief rivals

appear to be D. K. Watson (Mariborough) and the two Malvern lefthanders, P. J. Rosser and A. J. B. McDonald, all of whom won.

GOLTS SINGLES. First round:
J. F. C. Faber (Elon) beat M. J. L. Paul (Harrow), 15—8, 18—15; P. Clarke (Mattern) beat N. J. A. Bends (Winchester), 15—5, 15—0, M. J. Hough (Winchester), 15—10, 15—1; J. G. Forsyth (Malvern) beat C. R. Kingdon (Tontheider), 15—10, 15—1; J. G. Forsyth (Malvern) beat T. H. Brotheyer (Winchester), 17—14, 15—1; J. G. J. Bett (Tontheider), 15—14, 15—16; P. W. A. Westorman (Charterhouse beat A. J. J. Bett (Tontheider), 15—16, 18—18, 18—18, 18—18, 18—18, 18—18, 18—19, 18—11, 18—19, 18—19, 18—11, 18—19, 18—19, 18—11, 18—19, 18—19, 18—11, 18—19, 18—11, 18—19, 18—11, 18—11, 18—19, 18—11, 18—11, 18—19, 18—11, 18—11, 18—19, 18—11, 18 appear to be D. K. Watson (Marl-



Knott provides Greg Chappell with one more towards Chappell's record seven catches in the match

was in West Indies in 1953probably.

Greig hit the first ball of the when they won two of the three and drew the other. In first over this morning to third man for four, off the middle of the bat. It gave him false ideas. He seems to think at the moment that he can launch into an attack without needing to play himself in. His arrogance is in danger of becoming a disadvantage. The sixth ball of the day was pitched well up, Greig drove it without bothering to get his foot to the ball and Greg Chappell at first slip held a good head-high first slip held a good head-high

183. When they won two of the last three and drew the other. In 1936-37 Australia lost the first two Tests to G. O. Allen's side before Bradman won the last three. England, unfortunately, have got no Bradman.

Their best hope is for a slow pitch in Melbourne for the third Test match, on which to regain some semblance of confidence, followed by one that turns in Sydney for the fourth, which is not unlikely. In the next week Denness is going to have to decide, with the help of the tour committee, whether to drop himself from the Test side. He has scored only 206 runs on the tour in 12 innings, and he looks less than most like surviving for any time against Lillee and Thomson. catch.
In Thomson's third over he had Denness caught at third slip and Fletcher at the wicket—off his first ball. Denness played much the same stroke as in the first innings, an indeterminate wave. Fletcher's was a splendid ball, lifting from just short of a leneth and trainings. time against Lillee and Thomson.

On the other hand, he has led the side pretty well in the field, No captain satisfies all the people all the time unless like lan Chappell, he has a winning and improving term. I immigue Despess just short of a length and straight enough for Fletcher to feel he had to play it. Knott and Lloyd stayed together for 35 minutes before Knott, as though he had given up the ghost, threw his bat improving team. I imagine Denness will have one more Test, at least, hefore handing over to Edrich, his rice-captain, or to Cowdrey if Edrich were not able to play. at Lillee and was caught in Greg Chappel's midriff at second slip. Lloyd who looked as though be Lloyd who looked as though he could have kept going had the incentive not gone, was also caught at slip by Greg Chappell. flashing carelessly at Walker.

By then five wickets had fallen in an hour and a quarter for 54 runs. The last four lasted from 12.15 until 4.35. Which was as long as Tirmns hatted Tirms must Here, and in Brisbane. Fletcher has played no better than Denness. In England's last 25 Test matches before the present series—against India, Pakistan. West Indies, and New Zealand—Fletcher's average was nearer 60 than 50. In four innings here he has made 17,

innings here he has made 17, 19, four and nought. He has yet to make a first-class hundred in Australia, either on this tour or the last. I am wondering whether the extra bounce of Australian pitches, combined with Fletcher's lack of inches, is always going to count against him. If it does it will deprive us of a fine player in other countries, who at the start of the tour was England's number two to Amiss. as Timus batted. Timus must have thought long ago that his days of avoiding Australian bumpers were over, and of trying to save lost causes for anyone other than Middlesex. But here he other than Middlesex, but usre use was, ducking and weaving against Thomson, and going down the pitch to Mallett, and gerting staunchly behind the ball. Titmus played the innings of an old camnumber two to Amiss.
England's best batsmen in the palguer. It was not what Thomson has come to expect from England's present batsmen.

Luckhurst resisted bravely, and second innings were their two quadrogenarians, Cowdrey and Titmus. I can think of one or two uncomfortably, for two hours and might be others, too, who might be welcome out here at the moment: D'Oliveira, for instance, and Close. I would imagine a combined XI, chosen from the two sides that played in this second Test match.

a quarter before being caught in the gully; Old hit boldly (18 runs in one over from Walker) before skying Mallett to midwicket. Arnold was astonishingly caught in the gully, left-handed and diving by Mallett, and the last wicket fell, aptly enough, to another marvel-

ning and tumbling at wide long-off. This gave him a record for Test cricket of seven catches in a match by a fieldsman other than a wicketkeeper. Several players have held six catches, including Cowdrey and six catches, including Cowdrey and also Vic Richardson, the grand-father of the Chappells. Here and in Brisbane, Australia have held no fewer than 26 catches at slip and gully, or behind the wicket, and dropped scarcely any. Such is their form and confidence. Such, too, is England's fallibility to the ball on and outside the off stump. In Brisbane Thomson finished

ball on and outside the off stump.

In Brisbane Thomson finished with nine wickets for 105 runs. Here he had seven for 138, 16 wickets that is at 15 runs apiece. All round Australia boys are running up now and trying to sling the ball down like Thomson. Fortunately for England not many of them will nurs out to be as strong them will nurs out to be as strong them will turn out to be as strong as Thomson is. From the Perth pitch, as at Brisbane, his pace was the fiercest of anyone in the match, his lift the steepest, his direction, at times, the most wayward. Rumour has it that Greig is urging him to play for Sussex. If he should there might be a need to ask for batsmen to volunteer to open, on a "greentop" at Hove, with Thomson bowling from one end and Snow from the other.

Three of the players touring Australia with MCC, Derek Underwood, Dennis Amiss and John Edrich, are among the country cricketers receiving benefits or testimonials next summer. Amiss, alone in the list, has a champion-ship match set aside for him. He takes the came against Kent at takes the game against Kent at Edgbaston on Angust 9, 11, 12. The list, with matches where arranged is: Derhyshire: M. Page (testimonial);
Essex: B. Edmezdes (benefit); Glamorgan: E. Jones (benefit), John Player
League match v Lancachire, July 27;
Kent: D. Underwood (benefit); Leicestershire: M. Norman (benefit); Leicestershire: M. Norman (benefit); John Player League match v Wortestershire, May 25; Lancashire; K. Shuttleworth and J. Suillvan (joint testimonial); Middlegex: J. Murroy (benefit).

Middlesex: J. Murray (benefit).
Northamptonshire: D. Steele (benefit). John Player League match v
Leicestershire. June 22; Nortinghamshire: M. Smedley (benefit): Somerset;
Cartwright (testhamia); Survey;
Eddica (testinonia)); Warwickshire: D. Amiss benefit). Jumplomatic patchers,
Edd'Oliveira (benefit). Hampshire give a testinonial to their head groundsman at Southampton. E. Knights.

Professional events resist cold economic winds

Fold Correspondent
Professional golf tournaments
are standing up well to the strain
of cold economic winds. The calenof cold economic winds. The calendar for 1975, released yesterday by the Professional Golfers' Association, shows a prize money total of £476,500 for tournaments and an overall figure of £629,000. This compares with corresponding figures a year ago for 1974 of £534,000 and £678,000. When the increased cost of living in the past 12 months is also taken into account, it is clear the professionals will be playing for less in value, yet in present circumstances the picture remains a remarkably buoyant one.

buoyant one. The final pay-out last season above at the start of the season.

This would reduce the difference betwen the two years, but only if there is no similar shrinkage again this time.

again mis time.

Colgate have already been shown to have made a powerful contribution to the 1975 programme, and another valuable move is the decision of the Sun Alliance and London group to step in and save the old matchplay champlonship which has been dropped by Benson and Hedges. They were co-promoters

of the 1973 Ryder Cup matches, and by this latest move have shown a developing interest in matchplay. The course for 1975 has not yet been chosen, but the championship will take place early in September before the British team leave to play the British team matches at play the Ryder Cup matches at Laurel Valley, Pennsylvania. Prize money for this will be £20,000 with a first prize of £3,500. The circuit has lost four events

The circuit has lost four events, two of them tournaments for the under-25. All the Continental champiouships have stood their ground without changing the total of their prize money. At present there is no indication that American Express intend to continue their sponsorship of Continental pro-ams or of the European order of merit, but there may yet be other Continental tournaments to tempt the professionals but which do not come under the PGA umbrella. PGA umbrella.

PGA umbrella.

Coverage by television looks like being slightly down, specially in the case of IBA who at present are due to cover only the Dunlop Masters and the Benson and Hedges festival. As at present arranged the BBC will be handling the Open championship, the Penfold PGA, the Double Diamond and the Piccadilly world matchplay.

May 1-4 May 7-10 May 14-17 May 23-26

June 5-7

June 11-14 June 30-July 2 July 4-5 July 9-12 July 17-20 July 24-27

Aug 13-16 Week of Aug 18 Aug 28-31 Sept 3-6 Sept 11-14 Sept 19-21 Sept 23-24 Sept 25-27 Oct 9-12 Oct 25-26 Dec 3-7

Spanish open Madrid open French open Piccadilly medal

Penfold PGA championship MacGregor PGA club professionals' Martini international Pringle of Scotland Seniors' Championship qualifying Open championship Swiss open Scandinavian open German open Bremen £15,000
Dutch open To be announced £17.500
Benson and Hedges festival Fulford, York £25,000

Tournament to be negotiated Carrolls international Sun Alliance & London match-play championship Kerrygold international Pyder Cup

Double Diamond stroke-play Turnberry Double Diamond Dunlop Masters Piccadilly world match-play championship Italian open (not confirmed) El Paraiso open Thergolf trophy

La Manga El Lomas-Bosque and Club de Campo £15,000 To he announced £15,000 To be announced

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Kerry Laurel Valley.

£10,000 £15,000 El Paraiso, Costa del Sol £20,000 To be announced £15.000 Navatanee GC, Bangkok, Thailand

Gay Kybo takes measure of top weight

trained by Peter Cazalet, won the race named after the late trainer at Plumpton yesterday. The sixyear-old, owned by Cazalet's friend, Isador Kerman, overcame a bump which put the favourite. Chance a Look, out of the race, took the measure of top weight. Soho Sol, at the last fence, and ran on well.

ran on well.

Cazalet was leading trainer at Plumpton for the five years up to his death in 1973. Mr Kerman said: "This has given me tremendous pleasure. Peter trained my horses for many years."

Gay Kindersley, whose Carrickbeg was beaten by three quarters of a length by Ayala in the 1963 Grand National, has Aintree on the agenda for Black Tudor, surprise winner of the Keymer Steeplechase. The odds-on favourite, Khan, never jumping finently, put Khan, never jumping fluently, put his hind legs in the water on the second circuit and that put paid to any chance he held. My Virginian was still in command at that point, tracked by Black Tudor, who took over coming to the second last and won by 15 lengths.

Among the 93 horses declared to run in the six races at Catterick Bridge today there is one of top

class, the eight-year-old Anthony
Watt whom Tony Dickinson runs
in the three-mile Damby Handicap
Steeplechase in preference to
Donobill, his recent winner at Ayr. Last season, Anthony Watt won a £2,000 handicap at Sandown Park and finished third to Red Candle and Red Rum in the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup at Newbury, carrying 11 st. He was giving the winner 10 lb and receiving only

winner 10 lb and receiving only
4 lb from Red Rum, later to win
the Grand National for the second
time and make himself rightly the
equine hero of Lancashire.
With such form behind him
Anthony Watt was automatically
given 12 st 7 lb for today's race,
and the question is whether on his
first run this season he is forward
enough to concede from 16 lb to
35 lb to his seven rivals. It is asking a lot, particularly if the going,
officially foregat as good, becomes officially forecast as good, becomes soft or heavy. There were some sharp bitter squalls yesterday in the area, and the ground on any course in December can change in an hour or two as a result of a downpour lasting a couple of

hours.

Should Anthony Watt, the type of staying steeplechaser that can win the National Hunt Handicap Steeplechase at Cheltenham or earlier one of the valuable threemiles and more handicaps at Handock Park and Newcastle, fall this

Tough task for Anthony Watt

in Lancashire, who were racing for the first time in a new season. The Dickinsons, father and son Michael, are now a strong force in National Hunt racing. Their borses are turned out in great condition and run as well as their appearance suggests.

afternoon on his reappearance he would not lose his high reputation. But one of the features of jumppast two mouths has been the number of victories of horses from Dickinson's Guísburn stable

appearance suggests. Michael Dickinson, aged 24, the champion amateur in 1970, who in that year decided to ride professionally, does full justice to them. Were he to become champion jockey in the future, which is not notkey in the rature, which is not unlikely, he would set up a record. At 6ft 2in he is the tallest professional now riding, but somehow he managed last week to get his weight down to 10st 4lb. This afternoon with 12st 7lb on Anthony Watt he can give himself the luxury

of a bigger saddle.

I take Anthony Watt to win from Meridian II. Tartan Tutor, and Scout, on the basis of his class. Perhaps the chief danger will come from Arthur Stephenson's Scout, who started favourite for the Grand National in Markets are the Grand National Inc. National in March as a result of a vast amount of money for him during the morning and helf an hour before the race. Scout ran well for more than three miles, but faded three fences out to finish tenth to Red Rum.

Wylan Roy a stable companion

2.45 BROMPTON HURDLE (£204: 3m 300yd)

for Tommy Stack in the f division of the Streetlam Novi-Hurdle (1.45), and Ron Barry likely to take the second divis. (3.15) on Cricket Boot. At Ke Wylam Boy was beaten by extremely useful novice, L'Aig and Cricket Bout ran well fo long way at Southwell when f to Master Mint. Three lens covered the first five horses

At Towcester, a penalty she not stop Celtic View from gai; his third consecutive victory the Menio Park Steeplechase. has won his last two race:
December at Newton Abbott
Cheltenham by seven and
lengths. Raynham, who Spartan, second yesterday at 1 wick, at Nottingham two w ago, is preferred in the Sh-Haudicap Hurdle to Yasou, rur up at Market Rasen to Fixby 6 Arne Folly and The Snipe sound claims in the John (Handicap Steeplechase (2.30) the Northampton Novices' Hi

Arne Foliy was well up with leaders at Chelrenham wher came down two fences from h The Snipe ran with much c at Nottingham when second Prince Autoine, and the oppositeday is not too strong.

Catterick Bridge programme



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full-operation of the street of the st 1.45 STREETLAM HURDLE (Div I: £204: 2m)

2.15 ELLERTON STEEPLECHASE (£272 : 2m)

11-1 Geonada, 4-1 Mullacrew, Ecre.t King, 5-1 Grand Sprite, Legend, 10-1 Lemon Tree, 12-1 Mari of Honour, 14-1 Sun Lord, Ethics, 20-1 others. 4-0f Gold Prince R. Bethell Bethell 5-11-12 C Kathy's Boy (Mrs MacArthur D. Doyle, 5-11-12 Keep Code (Mrs Langford-Brooke A. Dickinson, Lovely Lilling 1A. Thomas: F. Dever, 5-11-12
March Malona (A. Hodge) D. Weeden, 5-11-12
Nardius (H. Blackshaw) Blackshaw, S-11-12
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Well Dealt (D. Smith) M. Oliver 5-11-12
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Afro-Sim (Mrs Arnold) C. Jones 4-11-7
Gricket Beet (Nrs Jones) D. Moriey, 4-11-7
Crown Court (Mrs Wallan), Wallon, 4-11-7
Dux McGregory (S. Hall) 4-11-7
Fair Odds (W. F. Stephenson), Stephenson, 4-1 Going My Way (A. Kelty), J. FitzGerald, 4-11-7 indian Gudia (M. Vernon), W. Simpson, 4-11-7 Lide Light (W. Humter), C. Lamb, 4-11-7 Little Whittington (J. White), G. Richards, 4-11-7 Simpson, Bird (M. Bird), K. Whitehead, 4-11-7 Simuliton (J. Britton), W. A. Siephenson, 4-11-7 Sity Tour (R. Earl) L. rays Smith, 4-11-7 Transcanth (M. Taylor), Payne, 4-11-7 7-4 Sky Tour, 5-1 Ma ch Malona, Cricket Boot, 8-1 Eastern A hittington, 10-1 Lovely Lilling, 14-1 Kero Codt, Lido Light, 20-1 Catterick Bridge selections

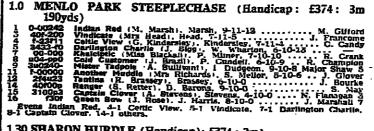
By Our Racing Staff 12.45 Indian Fort. 1.15 Anthony Watt. 1.45 Wylam Boy. 2.15 Kempley. 2.45 Forest King. 3.15 Cricket Boot. By Our Newmarket Correspondent 3.15 Cricket Boot.

2.0 NORTHAMPTON HURDLE (Div I: £204: 2m)

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12.30 CARMEL HURDLE (£238: 2m) 17 0024-00 Tataskhamea's Corn (J. Edwards), H. O'Neill, 5-11-7 C. O'Neill 7
2-1 Persian King (J. Barker), W. Wharton, 4-11-0 . M. Blackshaw
2-1 Persian King, 7-2 Anglesey Royal, 9-2 Blakedown, 5-1 Hill Lays, 7-1
Stocking, 10-1 Alpin Prince, 16-1 others.

1.0 MENLO PARK STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £374: 3m 190yds)



1.30 SHARON HURDLE (Handicap): £374: 2m) 3 2113-01 Raysham (D) (Miss Thoriey), D. Morley, 4-12-4 B. R. Davies 400-000 Tip The Wink (M. Simmonds), P. Taylor, 4-11-12 J. Francome Nelsen Boy (D) (A. Darlington), D. Barona. 4-11-6 D. Cartwright 10 103-000 Jamaya (D) (B. Allen), J. Wobber, 4-10-6 B. R. Pilman 12 413-42 Finstense (D) (M. Samonds), D. Barona. 4-10-5 B. R. Pilman 12-30 Persian King. 1.0 Celtic 14-14-6 Garter Wood (D) (M. Meais), D. Barona, 4-10-5 S. V. Soane 2-1 Raynham, 9-4 Yasou, 4-1 Fintstone. 6-1 Tip The Wink, 7-1 Nelson Boy. 1.30 Raynham, 3.0 Chief Scout 1.30 Raynham

Veyatio (Mrs Vostey), F. Winter, 5-12-0.
Bimbashi (B. Rice), Rice, 5-11-4.
Simbashi (B. Rice), Rice, 5-11-4.
Sack the Ripper (Mrs Edwards), P. Taylor, 6-11-8.
Swinging Chick (R. Moore), P. Bovan, 6-11-8.
Tim Ding (Mrs Lugg), T. Forster, 5-11-4.
Call Me King (M. Taylor), G. Kindersley, 4-1.
Equivocal (Mrs Prior), D. Ancil, 4-11-0. 4-6 Veyatie, 9-2 Firm Ding, 7-1 Birmbashi, 10-1 Jack the King, 16-1 others. 2.30 JOHN CLARE STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £479: 401030
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Are Folly (N. James). E. Champneys. 11-10-8
Some Surprise (R. Alden). D. Sarons
Some Surprise (R. Arden). D. Sarons
Som 5-2 Cape Clarendon. 100-30 Satara Pasha, 5-1 Master Clive, 7-1 Lictorome Surprise, 9-1 Arme Folly, 25-1 Pangeno.

3.0 NORTHAMPTON HURDLE (Div II: £204: 2m) 3 03020 Bills Bounty (R. Undfleid). S. Wright, 3-11-3. Mr. Jon. 4-200 Christmas Chorus (Mrs. Roberts). D. Barons. 5-11-4. V. 5-04-722 Christmas Chorus (Mrs. Roberts). D. Barons. 5-11-4. V. 5-04-722 Christmas Chorus (Mrs. While). T. Forster. 6-11-4. C. Th. M. Jon. 9 0-05 Chilled (Mrs. While). T. Forster. 6-11-4. M. Jan. 9 0031 Raca Riot (R. Tinney). Tinney. 5-11-4. M. Jan. 9 0031 Raca Riot (R. Tinney). Tinney. 5-11-4. W. Stor. 13-000 Serogan (A. Wisseman). D. Gandolifo. 5-11-4. W. Stor. 13-10-30 Mrs. 14-10-1. M. Jon. 15-11-4. M.

12.30 Persian King. 1.0 Celtic View. 1.30 Raynham. 2.0 Veyatie. Arne Folly. 3.0 The Snipe.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
1.30 Raynham. 3.0 Chief Scout.

Warwick results 12.30 (12.30) WARWICK STEEPLE-CHASE (£204: 2m)

 ran.
 TOTE: Win, 50p; places, 22p. 23p.
 32p. E. Courage, at Banbury, 21, 121. 32p. E. Courage, at Banbury. s., 12s.

1.0 (1.1) SHIRLEY STEEPLECHASS
(Div I: E304: 2m)
sest Lit, b g. by Ebontmeezer—Kill
Flame (Queen Mother), 7-11-9
w. Smith (8-1)
Kings Savings, b h. by Kings Leaps—
Savings (Mr A. Aliwright), 7-11-6
Viltersgan, ch g. by Vulgan—Philomel (Mr B. Brooks), 6-11-9
ALSO RAN. 6. R. Duvics (12-1)
ALSO RAN. 6. 1 fav King Credo (f).
9-2 Hanron. 5-1 All Courage (ur).
Lonsy Bic. 8-1 Just Lit. 12-1 Velkregan 14-1 (King's Savings, 16-1
Articles (1-48), Fing (f). 20-1 Band
articles (1-48), Fing (f).

71, bad.

1.30 (1.50) STONELEIGH STEEPLE-CHASE (Handicas: £442 5m1

Nighland Explorer, b. g. by Exploita100- Highland Troul (Mr. S. Bos100- Horris (Mr. J. Webber (8-1) 2

Greek Warrier, b. g. by Agresage—
Queen of Athens (Mr. D. Spearing): 10-10-4 R. R. Evans (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Prairie Dog. 8-1

Redders Boy, Merry Maker, 10-1 Boilyhoars Hill (pu): 12-1 Mr Wrekts (4th).

16-1 Plora Pinching (f1, 20-1 Maniphe,
Sport of Kings, Smokeless (pu): Norwell. 15 ran.

100- Nicheless (pu): 20p.

Shifting Gold, b 5, by Bright as Gold—Short Shrift (Mrs R. Russell). 5-10-11

Shifting Gold, b 5, by Bright as Gold—Short Shrift (Mrs R. Russell). 5-10-12

Spartas, br D. Sunderland (15-2)

R. R. Evans (7-1 Izv)

Coramarket, br C, by Tarogaan—Chetim (Mr A. Murdoch). 4-10-5

ALSO RAN: 13-2 Downing Arms, 8-1

Current Romance, 10-1 Dailyaide, 11-1

Kingdom, 12-1 Littlegood Beau (f).

Flost Brief, 14-1 Au Spirtt, Whickers

Spirid 16-1 Prims Boy, 20-1 Cipcion, 33-1

Sand 16-1 Prims Boy, 20-1 Cipcion, 33-1

Line, Travella (put, Lyric Minor, Your Nbs (pu), Haddon Boy, 20 ron, Tottle, Win, £1.04: places, 30p. 15p.

Cormod did not run. 2.30 (3.31) SHIRLEY STEEPLECHASE (DIV II \$204: 2m) Charley Artle, bg. by River Princo-Moonwood (Mrs R. Cunningham), 5-11-9... K. B. White (100-30). Lanky Lad, br g, by Langton Heath-Flying Maid (Mr D. Ningent), 5-11-2... C. Harnly (33... Tradares, b g, by Pinzari—Daylo-bash (Mr P. Blachburn), 5-11-2. F. Keane (8-1) ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Tendala, 7-2 Picton. 8-1 Spear (4th), 14.1 Bert's Uhoice, 25-1 No Trospass, 53-1 Brighton Beau, Mybol, McCleary, 11 ran. TOTE: Win. 33p; places. 18p. £3.06, 65p. T. F. Rimell, at Severn Stoke. 12i, 3i.

3.0 (3.0) HAMPTON HURDLE (Hametap: 4-y-o: £272; 2m) ALSO RAN: 5-2 Viting Spirit (f),
H-1 Money Factory, 12-1 Bay Turk,
14-1 Beauthrook, 20-1 Another Ventuces,
5-1 Accycla 1pu, City Princess 1pu,
Fosthered Arrow (pu), Trattoria, by
Moke, Winning Sovereign, Balek, Great
Waltz, Mandy Jayne, Cotton Goon (4th),
Warm Welcome, 19 ran.

2.0 (2.1) UPTON HURDLE (Handicap E442: 2m) TOTE: Win, 22p; places, 13p, 18p. 21.04, 39p. A. Turnell, at Mariborough, 12l, sh hd. Wild Talk did not run. TOTE DOUBLE: Highland Explorer. Charley Arlie. £4.35. TREBLE: Just Lit. Shifting Gold. King Negtune. £64.65. Plumpton results

12.45 (12.47) KEYMER STEEPLE-CHASE (2550 Sm)

Slack Tudor, ch g, by Acc of Clubs
— Tudor Lace (Mr G. Kinders.
19.57 (10.11)

My Virginian, ch g, by Thomasin—
Ballintra (Mrs L. Winton, 7-11-0)

Khae, b g, by
Art Stanhope (8-15) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Barner (pu), 33-1

Cralgoos (Jth), 5 ran.

TOTE: Win, 92.19; forecast, £4.90,
G, Kindersley, at East Garston, 151.

1.45 (1.45) PETER CAZALET
STREPLECHASE (Handicap: £687
3m '50yd')
Gay Kybo, b h. by Pardage
Angazi (Mr I. Kerman). 6-10-7
Soho Sol, bi f. Champion (5-1) 1
Soho Sol, bi f. Champion (5-1) 1
Soho Sol, bi f. by Morropolis—
Solvilitum (Mr P. Wire). 9-12-2
Rod Rohad, chg by Daybrook Lad
—Cacador's Darling (Mr S. Stanhopn, 8-13-8
ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Chance A Look
(bd). 6-1 Saint Accord, 20-1 Mister
Hapsburg (4th). 6 ran.

TOTE: Win 52p: places, 43p. forecast, £2.12. J Gifford, at Fi 2.15 (2.17) CUCKMERE STEE CHASE (£272' 3m) CMASE (2272 Cm)

Good Relations, b g. by CounselPrincess Fedora (Mrs D With
ham), 5-11-11

Monksgrange, ch g. by Cassana
G-Monks Rose (Mr S. Horwood
G-Monksgrange)
Fashion Mar M. Skinner (7-)

ALSO RAN-S-1 Prince Re
(4th), 10-1 Agnew, 12-1 No P
(1911, 25-1 Cassallari, 7 ran,
TOTE: Wim. 16:1 blaces, 11p.
dual forcest, 49:0. Mrs Oughio
Findon, 71, 101. 2.45 (2.49) DECEMBER Hull (Handicap: 4-y-p: £442; 2m) Handicap: 4-y-0: £442: 2m)

Bladon, b. c. by High Hat—Selit
Fair 'Mr R. Mills. I.-11

Ektoras, b. c. by Santo Claus—
Neamar 'Mr R. Keoli, 9-8

Meamar 'Mr R. Keoli, 9-8

Master Bertcher b. g. by Mandamt
—Minnehaba 'Mr E. Tomsott
10-6 ... M. Stanlev (14-1)

ALSO RAN: 4-1 if fav Young Rt
9-2 Blue Bidder, 6-1 Just A Cl
-4th, 10-1 Cortanica, 12-1 Bre
10-1 Super Saxon. 'Fah.

TOTE: Win, 'Typ: places, 30p, 10-1

TOTE: Win, 'Typ: places, 30p, 14-1

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at Limbourn. 121, 251. 3.15 (3.38) DITCHLING NUFT (12304: 5m)

Gurrauki, ch m. by Sparian Generalist Waltz Mr A Sching-Monte Indee, 6-11-5 R. Rowell (9-15 Miler Bay, b g. by Lower Law-Miler Dam Mrs A. Bowless 7-11-5 Warr Bridge, b g. by Motrapolis-Miles Remas. Mr B. Green: 7-11-5 M. Wagter (8-1 ALSO RAN: 30-1 Frere Jacus pu., 33-1 Sania's Sania (4th.) Reign pu., 6 ms.

TOTE: Win, 16p: places, 10-p. forecast, 29p. Miss A. Siniala Lewes, 61. 51. TOTE DOUBLE: Gay Kybo, Bk £24.90. TREBLE. Young Ded Good Relations, Houzoukl, £5.45.

Show jumping

World and Olympic champions lead entries for Olympi

By Pamela Macgregor-Morris

A field of 30 riders, led by the
world champion, Hartwig Steenken
—accompanied from West Germany by Alwin Schockemohle—
come under starters' orders at
Olympia tonight when the Dunhill
international show jumping event
starts its four-day run.
Qualifying rounds and national
championships have been held in
Belgium, France, Italy and Switzerland, as well as in Britain, and
the only non-starters from the Conthe only non-starters from the Continent are Major Raimondo
d'Inzeo, whose horses were off
form in Brussels last week and
bave gone straight back to Italy,
and Jean-Michel Gaud, of France,
who has influenza. Italy will include her champion, Dr Vittorio

Orlandi, with Fiorello and Royal Rufus, and the holder of the individual Olympic gold medal, Graziano Mancinelli, with Ringo's Girl and Bei Oiseau. France's pair will be Hubert Parot, with Tic and Port Royal, and Marc Pelissler, with Tourmout B and Deretz. Major Paul Weier and his wife. Monica, head the Swiss contingent, riding respectively Wulf and Hazana Royal and Erbach. Willi Melliger rides John Greenwood's former horse, Ronha's Boy, and Terriffer, and Johan Friedli brings Firebird and The Rocket.

From Belgium there is Ferdi Tyteca, with Magnus and Formateur, Francois Mathy, with Gay Luran and Noblesse, and Marc Goosens with Who's Who and Don

Carlo. The invading force is com-pleted by Nelson Pessoa, of Brazil, with Monsieur Pernod and Alcatraz. Seventeen British riders are Sportsman and Jagermeister, and include Graham Pletcher (Clare Glen and Tauna Dora), Caroline Gleu and Tauna Dora), Caroline Bradley (New Yorker and True Lass). Paddy McMahon (Fanta and Streamline), Malcolm Pyrah (John's Venture and Dallas) and Ted and Elizabeth Edgar (with Everest Orchid, Everest M'Lord, Everest May Day and Monsieur Rochas). The third husband and wife team is that of Lionel and Pamela Dunning (with Bonnie Alice, Gray's China, Sugar Plum and Chatterbox).

Marion Mould rides
Gamble and Dunlynne, and F
land Fernyhough brings A
matic and Three Casties.
British side is completed by J
Greenwood (Loughlinney and
Punch II), Anthony Newl
(Snaffles and Warwick III), F
neth Pritchard (Torchlight), I
colm Bowey (Partington and He
Hill) and Raymond Howe (Bain
and Bally Daniel).
Although Harray Smith Although Harvey Smith, British Dunbill champion and der of the Dunbill Trophy, oeen rusticated as from vester for three months, two of horses he owns in partners! with Trevor Banks, Harvest C and Speak Easy, will be ridden the young irishman, Paul Darr.

Boxing

When victor

himself what

went wrong

From Neil Allen Boxing Correspondent Paris, Dec 17

had to ask

Another young player runs away from modern day pressures

The Emland team for tonight's ame hat already been severely eakened by injuries and the withrawal of players for club matches, eatile would certainly have been studed, but he said: "I am my bu Mr Revie will have to reget me for this game. I am just so shattered to give my best. No se has my ideas of the pressures wolved. I have played 150 games three scasons and lately, when sings haven't gone so well, everyer is or your back wherever you be.

"Also my four-week-old nighter wakes us up at four or we every morning. I can't get ick to sleep so I am shattered iring the day. During the train urney to join the party in Maniester all this built up and I xided to come home to have a lat with Mum. She is the only it who understands me. I feel four-week-old

ray lague games for the re-ainde of this season would be l-ticket. This follows the meet-g on honday of the League man-emen committee at which the

emen committee at which the otbal Association were also researed, which discussed the suble: arising from hooligan nited supporters at and outside any grounds when the Manesterclub are visitors. Mr Fardaker said: "I have the sk of organizing what the manemen committee want to put to precise, and as soon as the ing las been worked out and offied by everybody concerned, e pres will be the first to know, woud be more easy if ill-formel people did not give insmaim to the press about someting they do not begin to undertand."

Mr Hirdaker added that the FA would probably take similar action wer United if they were involved n away FA Cup games. This position does not arise for the third ound on January 4, when United re at tome to Walsall, and their ext fuir away League games—at ork, Oldham, Sunderland and xford—have already been tranged as all-ticket matches.

A llanchester United official aid that the club would not comient until they had been informed

By Norman Fox
Sevin Beattie, of Ipswich Town, rescreday admitted that he had succumbed to the pressures of nodern football and instead of rarelling to Aberdeen to play for he England Under-23 team against scaland conight had gone to Ladisle to "have a talk with num". He left his home in pswich of Monday and should ave Joined the England manager, hom Revie, in Manchester but hanged his mind on the train and fiter a night with his parents he had not ruined his international areer.

Beattie is 21 today and confidered to be one of the best play. It is for beat and a long chat and I think he feels better. I think he did the right thing. I only hope it doesn't affect his career."

Ipswich Town's manager, Bobby Robson, said last night. "I tried to persuade Beattie to get on a train to Aberdeen to join the England squad, but he refused on the grounds that he was feeling shattered. There was nothing I could do about it. The boy has definitely been suffering from a virus infection that has pulled him down. When he played for ns against Coventry on November 16 it was beyond the call of duty and he subsequently had to withdraw from the full England squad against Portugal and our match at Derby the following weekend. He is only 20 and a more experienced professional would have discussed the position either with myself or with Don Revie before taking a decision of this sort by himself." I am the player that the player that the player that the player is seemed that the player that the player is seemed that the player and mentally that I don't think I could hall have football and still would like to play for early for health would like to play for early for health would like to play for health would like to play for early for health would like to play for health Mr Revie, also Beattie's wife, spent a worrying day on Monday when it seemed that the player had disappeared without trace. Mr Revie waited for him at Manchester after hearing that he had missed one train. He waited for another train and then contacted lpswich who told him that Beattie was last at the club at midday. Mr Revie said: "We then got in touch with his wife and even she didn't know where he was. She was frantic with worry." All players in England parties are told that they have to telephone or that they have to telephone or telegram the Football Association if they are unable to meet their

When Mr Revie did eventually discover that Beattle was in Carlisle he said he was hopeful that

clude our genuine supporters, but will cut out the hooligans and this

will cut out the hooligans and this will be difficult where they do not travel with an official supporters' organization. We shall issue details when the full instructions have been received and hope to include an announcement in the programme of January 4."

York City, who emertain United on Saturday, are erecting an eightfoot metal and wire fence behind their Bootham Crescent goal,

foot metal and wire fence behind their Bootham Crescent goal, where the United's 6,000 specta-tors will be segregated. The gate has been limited to 17,500. York's secretary, Mr George Teasder, said. "I think it is sad that we have had to take this step, but we

are determined that our own sup-porters will be able to watch the match in complete safety."

Manchester United's manager,
Tommy Docherty, has selected a
14-strong party squad for tonight's
quarter-final League Cup replay
against Middlesbrough at Old
Trafford. He has named the side

Trafford. He has named the side that drew with Orient on Saturday minus Davies, who is cup-tied. Young, James and McCalliog have been added to the party.

Middlesbrough's England Under-23 forward, Mills, may return for the replay. He has been out of action with a calf injury since November 9 and faces an early morning fitness test.

licket distribution will set a problem

Mr Aan Hardaker, the Football sidering how we can carry out the sague secretary, confirmed sterdy that it was "basically press. Our problem will be to achieve a distribution that will in-



Kevin Beattie playing dominoes in a Carlisle pub yesterday. Not all have released their tensions as harmlessly.

the player would join the party in time for the match and decided not to select the team until this morning because of that. Although he now knows that Beattle will not play, Mr Revie has decided that the team announcement must still wait until this morning because here of Beattle's club colcause two of Beattle's club col-leagues, Whymark and Johnson, and several other players, are unavailable.

unavailable.

Beattle's powerful midfield play has been crucial to the success of Ipswich. He is one of the bardest tacklers in the game and puts great physical effort into every match. He has appeared in eight under-23 international matches although only making his first appearance for the Ipswich first

I am sure to be shattered at the final whistle. But it will be well worth it." Also needing a fitness test is the 18-year-old forward,

wiley.
Chester's home replay against
Newcastle United will be another
sell-out for the fourth division
club. Their allocation of 14,500

tickets was sold at the weekend and a further 2,000 returned from Newcastie were sold yesterday.

Under-23 international Scotland v England (at Aberdees, 7.30)

FA Cup Second round replay Sourcemouth v Wrombe W (7.30)

Manchester Um v Mindream (7.30)
Scottish Cup
First round replay
E Strains v Stenhousemuir (7.30)
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: First division
(North): Chelustissin v Minns Kaynes
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Town (at Bedford Town. 7.30).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: United Hospitals v London Bartha (at Stoke D'Abernon, 2.0).

COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Southeast Group play off: Surrey v Middlesex (7:30). CLUB MATCH: Moseley v Newport

CLUB MATCH: PROSECTION (7.50).

(7.50).

REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: UAU v public Schools Wanderers (at Rossiva Park ground, 7.30).

RUGBY LEAGUE: First division: Wigan v Featherstone (7.50).

Hockey
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: London
University v Army (2.30).

Today's fixtures

League Cup Fifth round replays

Rugby Union

division team at the start of the 1972-73 season. Since then he has been seen as a certain candidate for the full England team and it was possible that had he played this evening it would have been on the left side of the defence, which is England's weakest position. The withdrawal of Hudson put doubt on the experiment because Beattle would have been required in mid-field, and, if Mr Revie and the Football Association decide to discipline Beattle, it could be some time before the difficulty is solved.

Scotland's manager, William Ormond, said yesterday that he would not choose his team until he had seen what ground condi-tions were like in Aberdeen.

Results yesterday FA Cup

FA Cup
Second round replays
Bary (1) 2 Grimsby (1) 1
Spence Lowis
Duffey (4,545)
Winners hams to Millwall
Cooper (0) 1 Herefeeced (0) 0
Cooper (0) 1 Herefee

1. ISTHMIAN LEAGUE: First division: Hitchin Town 3. Clapton 1; Tooting and Mitchin 0. Dulwich 5. RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodith cup: Finat: Salford 0. Warrington 0.

Derby County directors at their board meeting tomorrow will again discuss the state of the pitch at the Baseball Ground which has come in for renewed criticism. Everton's manager, Billy Bingham, said after Saturday's game at Derby that the pitch was "a mudheap, an absolute disgrace".

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Rugby Union

Selection of teams for final trial indicates a positive approach

By Peter West
This season's international championship will begin with England, in one respect, at some disadvantage compared with the other home countries. Scotland have had the in one respect, at some unsurum tage compared with the other home countries. Scotland have had the opportunity of a trial run against Tonga, Wales likewise against New Zealand, not to mention their contest with Tonga when they fielded a team somewhat below full strength. Ireland picked their best side for the centenary march in September, and again, of course, against New Zealand. But England, facing Ireland at Lansdowne Road in mid-January, will be starting "cold". No wonder that their new coach, John Burgess, is anxious for as many training weekends as he can get.

Against all this, the selection of the two teams for the final trial on Saturday indicates a positive attitude to current problems, wherein Burgess may be assumed to have played a forthright part. Cotton's nomination as captain of the senior side can only mean that he is intended to lead England in Dublin, whether Pullin, now demoted to the Rest side, plays hooker or not.

The choice of Geoffrey Richards at full back for the Rest implies that the selectors are willing not only to back class, but to take a worthwhile risk, for they still have Rossborough in the senior team. They have at last got Martin Cooper out of their minds as an England stand off, and they have plans for the future by their choice of Alan Wordsworth in the Rest It is well after midnight in the foyer of a modern, totally impersonal Paris hotel. Ken Buchanan, still European lightweight boxing champion, walks in with a towel shrouding his head, covering his grotesquely swollen left eyebrow, which has just had two stitches inserted in it before he was joited by an anti-teranus injection in his right thigh. right thigh.

Buchanan is his own manager, he has been fighting for his place in the sun for many years, and he knows what the British press want as he removed the towel to show his wound. He also knows he needs their company to express the dissatisfaction and frustration from an imperfect title defence against Leonard Tavarez. of France, and the conviction that he is for all his talent, ignored by British boxing promoters.

plans for the future by their choice of Alan Wordsworth in the Rest side, as heir apparent to Alan Old,

His brother Alan, another boxer, though not with the same dazzling ability, is asked to get him a coke, and winces at the price. Ken Buchanan sips chrough battered lips which cannot bear the sting of an orange juice, juggles the ice cubes around his broken mouth, and occasionally dabs at the mutilated left side of his face. "I don't know what went wrong", he says as wearily as though he had been the loser. Then he starts to work it all out. Then he starts to work it all out.

"I had nine rounds, no, only six rounds of sparring in preparation for this fight. It materialized only in the last three or four weeks and I was short of sparring partners. I've beaten this guy Tavarez twice before so I thought I'd do him easily. I thought it was just a formality. I tried to knock him out as soon as I could, I made it hard for myself even though he was knackered after eight rounds."

He is sitting with nine reporters as the hall porters peer curiously from behind pillars at the intense young man with the battered face. He holds court alone, trying to find the reasons why he only stopped Tavarez, with the Frenchman's towel thrown into the ring, after 13 rounds of sometimes desultory action.

British boxing promoters.

His brother Alan, another boxer.

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"My right didna' come through", the champion from Edinburgh confirms. "Last time I looked this bad afterwards it was against Laguna for the world title. I shouldna' be going home like this, I should be fresh and nice. I felt flat, I wasna' conditioned properly. I felt good enough beforehand, but there was something missing."

Buchanan breaks off to tell us a lot of off the record things about the annoyance of not being invited to box in Britain when you know you are the best light-

invited to box in Britain when you know you are the best light-weight in the world and "that big Hungarian stiff" (by which he means heavyweight Joe Bugner) is hogging up all the cash rewards. "Don't quote me," he says about one involved story. "I'll wait until I'm nearly in my grave and then I'll tell that story. They canna' touch you when you're canna' touch you when you're dead.

and by their selection of Neil Bennett as reserve.

Wordsworth is an exciting prospect, bristling with confidence and talent and all the better for a season with Cambridge University and a match for England under-23 against the Tongans, from which he should have acquired valuable experience. He may not be as accomplished an all-round kicker as Bennett, but he is catching up fast. He must be as elusive at close quarters, and quicker over the first few vital yards. He has that priceless gift of all the really good players in his position: he can turn on a stapence.

Old, as the man in possession, clearly must be first choice in the selectors' minds for the Irish match, but in the area trial last Saturday his predilection for kicking for position from the set pleces kept his threequarter line on short commons and he never quite threaded his game into an authoritative whole. He may need to reassert his position on Saturday.

With a choice between Preece, Keith Smith, Evans and Warfield, England ought to finish up with a potent mix in the centre. One of their options could be to use Warfield's strength at inside centre, with one of the other three outside him. There is enough talent available, and a fresh enough breeze blowing in coaching attitudes, for Duckham to hope for a fruitful season. His defence at Headingley last Saturday, when he twice caught Alan Richards from behind, was happy evidence of his re-found appetite for the game. fruitful season. His defence at serve to Steve Smith for the Headingley last Saturday, when North. The centre, Maxwell, has he twice caught Alan Richards from behind, was happy evidence of his replacement with his rugged run-

There may not be more than four members of last season's successful England pack who presently can feel absolutely sure of their places. That is not to suggest that with a change here and there the eventual unit will not be even better. It looks as if Peter Wheeler is taking over from John Pullin as hooker.

"Stack" Stevens, with Colin White breathing down his neck, will be anxious to prove that he remains the country's best loose head. However the loose forwards eventually are sorted out, there is enough quality in the three positions for a formidable mix. But England could be in difficulty if anything should happen to Tony Neary. He is in a class on his own on the open side. on the open side.

From all the full backs available it is noteworthy that the selectors have stood by the trusty Jorden as first replacement of the trial. Wyatt, of Bedford, is elevated to the resume both and is relievable. Wyatt, of Bedford, is elevated to the reserves bench and is unlucky to have Duckham and Morley ahead of him in the left wing queue. The inclusion of Pringle, Raphael, Mantell, and Cheeseman (the last three named all being England Under-23 caps) is encouragement for up and coming players. players.
Raphael and Cheeseman did not play in the area trials, and nor did Ashton, the Orrell and Laucashire scrum half, who was re-serve to Steve Smith for the

ning for the North at Headingley.

Squash rackets

Verow successfully comes through crisis

re-found appetite for the game.

By Rex Bellamy Squash Rackers Correspondent Peter Verow, aged 21, a medical student at St Mary's Hospital, who student at St Mary's Hospital. who also happens to be a British squash rackets international, reached the semi-final round of the British amateur championship by beating Selwyn Machet, of South Africa, 9—5, 2—9, 9—2, 9—10, 9—1, in an hour and 13 minutes at Wembley last evening. Machet, seeded sixth, was the third South African seed to be dismissed by an unseeded opponent.

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unseeded opponent.

This was a sloppy and erratic match that the cynical might suggest was a good advertisement for the professional game. But there was some excuse for both players, particularly for the deficiencies of their footwork—which tended to lead to errors of technique. The ball of Verow's right foot is covered by a huge mass of broken tissue, the remnants of a burst blister. Machet has been playing throughout the tournament with damaged ligaments in his left foot. throughout the tournament with damaged ligaments in his left foot. He has been having heat treatment and has had the ankle strapped

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pion's brother), Neven Barbaur (the New Zealand champion), Kim Bruce-Lockhart (the cottish No 1, himself a British international), and then Machet. Born at Barnard Castle, where he was also educated. Verow was twice Britain's junior champion.

Though the match was never a particularly attractive spectacle, it did at least have a thrilling crisis as a contest. This came in the fourth game. Machet did well to respond to adversity by gaining a 6—1 lead. At 8—7 he had a game ball. But Verow reasserted his authority and at 9—8 had a match point but was frustrated when a authority and at 9-8 had a match point but was frustrated when a penalty was awarded against him. Another penalty point gave Machet that game, But in the fifth Verow quickly finished the job. He had a second match point at 8-1 but put a backhand out of court. At the same score he had a third match point and this time put a cross court backhand drop shot into the nick. into the nick.

Machet had long been having trouble getting to Verow's drops and there was not much chance that he would reach that one. and has had the ankle strapped during his matches.

All things considered Machet probably did well to justify his seeding by reaching the last eight. He comes from Johannesburg and this is only his second trip to Britain. Equally, Verow, who has never done as well before, has earned a good deal of credit by beating Atlas Khan (the cham-

tors to build up any excitement. The championship was poorly promoted in terms of advance publicity, no programmes have appeared, and the scheduling of matches in the early rounds was so flexible as to be haphazard. Much of this could charitably be dismissed as teething troubles. But Werebley has certainly not made an auspicious start as a national home for the British game.

The presence of that wonderfully gifted and deceptive player, Qamar Zaman, is some compensation for the many drab areas in the pioture this tournament has presented. His victim last evening presented. His victim last evening was Trevor Colyer, of New Zea-kand, whom he beat 9—3, 10—8, 9—0. Colyer is a good player and a game competitor. But there were times in this match when he clearly had betal idea what Zaman was had little idea what Zaman was likely to get up to next—except that it would probably do his own morale and stamina no good at all. This was a charming demonstration of the game's artistic possibilities. Yet it never straved far from the basic need to make an opponent keep covering a lot of court in a little time.

RESULTS: Quarter-final | P. G. Verow best S. M. Machet 9-5, 2-7, 10-2, 9-10, 0 and results of the property of

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id that the club would not com-ient until they had been informed fficially, but later the club secre-uy, Hr Leslie Oliver, said: "We ave not yet had any official in-rutious from the government or the Football League, but are con-"I have felt no reaction from my injury and I have stepped up training", said Mills. "If I play Penalties decide for the first time

morning fitness test.

ly Norman Creek
The annual public schools sixside football tournament took
lace yesterday at the National
Verminster Bank's ground at
lothury. Once again it was a
riumph of organization as the 32
theols—the ideal number—played
1 groups of four during the
lorning to decide which eight
hould enter the knock-out cometitions for the Corinthianlasuals Challenge; Cup and the
late in the afternoon.

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trongest of the eight, with Eton,
4alvern, Repton and Winchester
ontending for a place in the
inals. The pick of the northern
chools — Bolton, Manchester,
lucen Elizabeth's, Blackburn, and be preliminary matches, and

Ingemar Stenmark, of Sweden, ame from behind to win the

World Cup special slalom event here with a dazzling second leg performance that made him a

performance that made him a second faster than anyone else. The 18-year-eld, who has leapt to the front of World Cup skiing this season, was 23rd after the first leg. Attacking all the way, but keeping supremely cool, he swooped down the 71-gate second leg course in the amazingly fast time of 56.12sec for a total of lmin 51.02src.

"I am satisfied", he said, The course was more difficult

The course was more difficult than in the first leg when I made a lot of mistakes. I skied well the the transfer and the skied well the skied well to be skied well t

Second was the Iralian, Paolo de Chiesa, in 1min 51.21sec with respective leg times of 53.43sec and 57.78sec over the course with a vertical drop of 205 metres. "I was too cautious the second fime", de Chiesa said, "but I thought I could win anyway."

Another Italian, Fausto Radici, was third. His fast second leg time of 57.32sec gave him a total of 1min 51.34sec.

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Second leg victory means

Madonna di Campiglio, Dec 17. 36: 4, P. Gros (Imty), 25: 5, de Chicsa, 22: 6, H. Plank (Italy), 20.—

Ingemar Strinmark, of Sweden. Reuter.

success for Stenmark

prominent part.
The morning group matches provided few surprises. Millifield provided few surprises. Milifield could score only one goal in their three games, while Bradfield were narrowly beaten by Bolton. Blackburn had a close game against Wolverhamption before they lost 3—2. Repton, Eton and Malvern had hard struggles in their group before finishing in that order.

The cup and plate competitions took place after lunch. Shrewsbury and Brentwood, who both won all three morning games, were soon eliminated, and it was left to Wolverhamption and Wellingborough to challenge Bolton and Blackburn in the two final matches. Repton defeated Brentwood by a single penalty goal, but Shrewsbury went down by 3—0 to Manchester.

Wellingborough took too much

Manchester.

Wellingborough took too much out of themselves when defeating Lancing, and although they struggled to a narrow semi-final win over John Lyon in the plate, they

weer no match for Blackburn in the final of that competition. That victory gave Blackburn the distinction of winning the cup twice and the plane twice in the past four years, a worthy reward for their consistency.

In the last match of a long day, two tired teams fought a goalless draw. Wild hit a post and then the crossbar for Bolton, but neither side could score. As each of them had forced one corner, penalties were taken for the first time in the history of the competition, and it was fitting that Bolton should score three to Wolverhampton's two. Lancashire played its customary

verhampton's two.

So it was the Lancashire side whose captain received the cup from the secretary of the Football Association. Results:

CUP: Ounter-final round: Botton 1. Hume GS 0; Manchester GS 3. Shrewsbury 0; Wolverhampton 0 Seni-final round: Botton 1. Humchester 1: Botton 1 round: Botton 1. Bury 0; Repton 1. Final: Botton best Wolverhampton 5. Repton 1. Final: Botton best Wolverhampton by three penalties to two.

PLATE: Final: Blackburn 4, Wellingborough 0.

today's match

Rhyl have been drawn at home to Llandudno in the third round of the Welsh cup to be played on January 12. The draw:

Snow reports



The following hockey players have been selected to represent the Army against London University at Motspur Park today.

Captein V. T. M. Smith (RA, captain), 2nd Lleuf F. G. Moss (Staffordahlic Regt), Capt R. H. P. Goodwin (Royal Green Jacketa), Capt P. R. M. Whittington (Royal Scott), Cpl Chandrakunar Rai (Gurkha Regt), Capt B. J. Sandy (RE) Lleut C. C. N. Jarrett-Kert (RE) Lleut A. R. E. C. Stawart (13/18 Hussans), Lleut C. Marsh (RAC CR. C. S. Stawart (13/18 Hussans), C. Marsh (RE), Lleut E. B. Smiley P. C. Marsh (RE), Lleut E. B. Smiley P. St. Dragoon Ouards), Capt J. G. T. Dewar (Royal Hampshire Regt), Sgt A. J. Stamp (RE)



Hockey Army team for

Northop Hail v Pimlabis; Rhyl Liandgono; Newtown or Buckley v Ba-gor City; Newport v Penarth; Bridges v Cardiff, Whitchurch v Llanishon.



Dealers in Paris sugar market get injunction to stop payments Tate & Lyle Ltd v London International Commodities Clearing House Ltd. Fig. 1. The article said that "If it be continued in the continue of the next day. The article said that "If it be continued in the continue of the next day.

House Ltd.

Before Lord Denning, Master of the Rolls, Lord Justice Roskill and Sir John Pennycuick.

Six dealers in the international sugar market were granted an interim injunction restraining the International Commodities Clearing House Ltd in London from making any payments to the detriment of the dealers in respect of their account and other dealings with their French counterpart, the Caisse de Liquidation des Affaires en Marchandises, of Paris, until further order. further order.

The proceedings arose out of the position resulting from the closure

of the Paris sugar market on December 2.
Mr L. J. Libbert for Tate & Lyle and Margulies Sugar Ltd; Mr Anthony Evans, QC, and Mr John Beveridge for ACLI International Commodity Services Ltd; Mr David Johnson for R. J. Rouse & Co Ltd; Commodity Analysis Ltd and L. M. Fischel & Co Ltd; Mr John Hobhouse, QC, and Mr Michael Dean for the International Commodities Clearing House Ltd.
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The MASTER OF THE ROLLS said that the price of sugar; which had been rising, came down rapidly in the latter part of November. The present proceedings were the consequence.

There had been many transactions on the London and the Paris sugar markets, the majority of which were carried out through clearing houses. For instance, Tate & Lyle would be sellers of sugar for delivery three months ahead at a very high price. Those transactions would be made through brokers on the French or the English market. The contracts would be registered with the clearing houses on each side—in

would be registered with the clearing houses on each side—in
England the International Commodities Clearing House Ltd
and in France the Caisse de Liquidation. The clearing houses guaranneed the due performance of the
contracts for sale and purchase of
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contracts for sale and purchase of sugar both as to delivery and as to payment.

The court had been told that on December 2 Tate & Lyle had 1,032 open contracts registered with the Caisse—all no doubt future sales arranged when the price was high; but by then prices to the French buyers had fallen greatly and there was a possibility of a great loss, so that the English sellers would want to insist on the high prices arranged and duly registered.

The affidavit evidence showed that on December 2 a Mr Nataf, a broker dealing in sugar futures on the Paris market, found himself in difficulties and reported that to the Caisse. The Caisse apparently felt they would not be able to meet their own obligations if the futures sugar market remained open. So the president of the Caisse approached the Commission de Direction, which approached the technical committee and requested them to endorse the closure of the French sugar tee and requested them to endorse the closure of the French sugar

The technical committee refused; but the Commission de Direction, the management com-mittee of the Paris sugar market, closed the market on that day. That was a serious matter. Under article 22 of the Regulations of the International White Sugar Market (of the Bourse de Commerce de Paris) the price should have been fixed forthwith

of the next day.

The article said that "If it be officially decided to suspend dealings on the Paris international white sugar market, particularly consequent upon inter alia general mobilization, war, or causes of force majeure, the technical committee should fix the levels at which current obligations shall be compulsorily reschaded and automatically indemnified. This it must do forthwith and, in any event, at the latest on the next day after the day of the suspensions before 10 am".

So when the market was closed it was for the technical committee to fix the levels at which contracts were to be closed and accounts settled. Under article 22 "the rate for compensation shall be the average values ruling the last 20 market days of the Bourse preceding the official suspension of trading."

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So if the market was closed dealings would be settled on the average of the last 20 market days; if there was no closure within the clause they would be dealt with at the latest prices on December 2.

If Tate & Lyle's 1,032 open contracts were to be treated as closed at the prices ruling on December 2 there would be a credit due to them of £2,700,000; but if such sales had to be treated at the average price established under article 22 there would be a debit due from Tate & Lyle of £4,200,000. According to whether or not article 22 applied the difference would be nearly £7m.

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Obviously that caused much trouble and controversy, especially as the technical committee had not taken part in the closure and had indeed objected to it. The committee never assessed the price at all, either on the day of the closure or the next day before 10 am. On December 11 the Caisse and

Mr Nataf made an application to the Tribunal de Commerce de la Seine, to which the technical committee were made defendants.
Under article 25 the tribunal had exclusive jurisdiction over disputes arising from a transaction negotiated on the Paris international white sugar market.

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white sugar market.

Many parties came before the president of the tribunal on that application. He was a layman not qualified in law, and the court had been told in one affidavit that no accurate written record of what the president had said was available to anybody, but the inference was that he ruled on the 20-day average. The affidavit said: "The confusion on the occasion of the second application was quite remarkable. A great number of people chose to talk at once, including the president... who frequently could not be heard. Various people present tried to make notes of the president's decision when he gave it, but so far as I know no one has been able to assemble an accurate version of it, although I am advised that it is capable of taking immediate effect."

technical committee Trouble then arose with the clearing house because the London house felt they had obligations as between themselves and the French Caisse which they were bound to honour. The Caisse were in credit as against the English clearing house and might debit them with the sums said to be owing on the 20-day average basis, for the clear-

ing houses operated between one another, taking full responsibility for fulfilment of contracts, payment of margins and profits, and looked to their clients and dealers on guarantees to be indemnified against all those obligations.

Of course, the clients in England, the plaintiffs in the proceedings and others also, had been anxious. They applied to the Commercial Court for an infunction to restrain the

applied to the Commercial Court for an injunction to restrain the English clearing house from making payments in account or otherwise to the Caisse until the confused situation was cleared up in some way or other by the French courts. way or other by the French courts.

One reason why that was done was that there was much room for argument as to whether the 20-day figure and the ruling of the tribunal president had binding effect. There was evidence that it was only interlocutory and might not be effective at bnce. A stay might operate subject to an appeal being lodged, and the like. So until the confusion was cleared up the English clients wanted that order.

Mr Justice Donaldson heard the

Mr Justice Donaldson heard the Mr Justice Donaldson heard the matter yesterday and directed that the English clearing house give an undertaking that they would not make any payments and so forth to the prejudice of the plaintiffs "save as required by French law". The point had been taken before him, as also before their Lordships, that the tribunal president might be right and should be regarded as right or at least accepted and that be right and should be regarded as right or at least accepted and that therefore there should be that reservation in the order to enable the English clearing house to honour its undertaking to the Caisse if French law so required. For it appeared that it must be the triburals and courts of France and not the English courts which must decide the effect of article 22 and whether it had been properly operated, whether it was valid and how far it should apply. His Lordhow far it should apply. His Lord-ship could see serious arguments on whether the ruling was right

ship could see serious arguments on whether the ruling was right or wrong.

On the appeal, Mr Hobhouse, for the clearing house, still supported a reservation of the kind the judge had made. But it was both unnecessary and undestrable. English traders dealing with the English clearing house were entitled to ask the court that the position should be preserved intact and nothing done to their prejudice in such a controversial situation. If their views were correct £2,700,000 would be owing to Tate & Lyle; and if the English clearing house paid or settled an account with the Caisse they might not see that money at all—indeed they might be debited with over £4m, which might go against a guarantee which Lloyds Bank had given. That was an instance of the great damage which would occur for the English dealers if the English clearing house paid on the ruling of the tribunal president. As the rulling was confused, only interlocutory, and subject to appeal, without a written record of it, it seemed and subject to appeal, without a written record of it, it seemed that the English dealers were entitled to have the position

His Lordship would therefore allow the appeal and grant an interim injunction that the defendants their servants and agents in respect of their account and other dealings with the Caisse de Linvidsting by restrained until Liquidation be restrained until further order from making any

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Sentencing guidance in homosexual cases

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Sentencing guidance to judges in homosexual cases was given by the Court of Appeal when it gave reasons for dismissing an appeal by Peter Charles Willis, aged 24, against sentences totalling five years' imprisonment passed on him at Canterbury Crown Court (Judge Streeter). He had pleaded guilty to buggery with a boy aged eight (for which he was sentenced to five years) and indecent assault on a boy aged mine three years on a boy aged mine (three years concurrently). Seven other offences of indecent assault on small boys were taken into consideration.

Mr S. A. Hockman for the appellant.
LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said

LORD JUSTICE LAWTON said that the case presented the judge with a difficult sentencing problem. The single judge, giving leave to appeal, had suggested that the court might give guidance. Cases, however, differed widely in their facts and the court did not desire to put judges into sentencing strait jackets.

One difficulty which judges had in sentencing offenders like the appellant was their own reactions of revulsion to what the accused had been proved to have done. Right-thinking members of the public had the same reactions and expected judges in their sentences to reflect public abhorrence of the graver kinds of criminal homosexual acts.

There was a widely held opinion that homosexual offences involving boys led to the corruption of the boys and caused them severe emotional damage. The Sexual

the boys and caused them severe emotional damage. The Sexual Offences Act, 1967, provided that, subject to exceptions, a homosexual act in private should not be an offence, but the most important exception related to participating persons who had not attained 21. That reflected Parliament's desire to protect the young, even from themselves.

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ment's desire to protect the young, even from themselves.

Although punishments prescribed in the Sexual Offences Act 1956, were reduced in the 1967 Act, life imprisonment was retained for buggery with a boy under 16. It followed that judges should always regard buggery with boys under 16 as a serious offence, and the younger the boy the more serious the offence. It would seem inappropriate in a case in which there were no strong mitigating factors to pass a sentence which did not result in immediate loss of liberty, or with a loss of liberty for only a few months or a year or so. In the court's judgment the sentencing bracket for offences which had neither aggravating nor mitigating factors was from three to five years, and the place in the

Regina v Willis brackets depended on age, intelligence and education. However, few offences had neither aggravating por midgating feature. ing nor mitigating factors. Many had both and a judge had to weigh what aggravated against

what mitigated.

The main aggravating factors—
the list was not all-embracing or
set out in order of importance were: (1) physical injury to the boy; (2) emotional and psychological damage; (3) moral corruption; (4) abuse of authority and trust. The main mitigating fectors were: (1) mental imbalance; (2) personality disorders; (3) were: (1) mental imbalance; (2) personality disorders; (3) emotional stress. Much the same approach was appropriate in cases of indecent assault on boys, but it had to be remembered that in those cases it was not the label of indecent assault which was important but the nature of the act. Sentences should reflect the seriousness of the act constituting the indecent assault.

seriousness of the act constituting the indecent assault.

When the facts of the appellant's case were considered against the general principles, both aggravating and mitigating factors were found. When the danger to small hoys was balanced against the mitigaring factors the result indicated that the appropriate sentence was one which was likely to keep the appellant out of trouble for a fairly long period and give him enough time to mature mentally, if ever he was going to do so. The sentences passed upon him achieved that result.

Solicitors: Registrar of Criminal Appeals. VAT appeal for Lords

Commissioners of Customs and Excise v Thorn Electrical Industries Ltd The Divisional Court (the Lord

Chief Justice, Mr Justice Thompson and Mr Justice Mais) granted a certificate of "leapfrog" appeal to the House of Lords under sec-tion 12(3)(a) of the Administra-tion of Justice Act 1969, from the decision that television rental companies must pay VAT on payments made under hiring agreements made under hiring agreements even though the agreements were made before VAT came into existence (The Times, December 6).

Mr George Graham, QC, applying for the certificate, said that tens of millions of pounds could be concerned, and telephone rentals might be involved, although the point was transient and the position had been clarified by subsequent legislation.

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payment, whether by set off or acceptance of a debir entry or otherwise howsoever, to the detriment of the plaintiffs.

It should be made quite clear that it was "until further order", for if the matter should become clear in France and a final decision given in France an application could be made immediately to the Commercial judge so that no injury would be done to anyone.

LORD JUSTICE ROSKILL, concurring, said that there were millions of pounds involved in the Stibbard; Coward Chance.

Mr Stonehouse neither Czech spy nor CIA agent: time for family to be allowed privacy

House of Commons

MR HAROLD WILSON, Prime Minister (Huyton, Lab), said in a statement: Publicity has recently been given to allegations that Mr John Stonehouse (Walsall, North, Lab) was spying for the Czechoslo-vak intelligence service at the time he held ministerial office. These allegations were first made by a Czechoslovak defector in 1969. With my approval, the security service investigated these allegations fully at the time. In the course of their inquiries they interviewed the defector, and they questioned Mr Stonehouse about his

contacts.
Following their investigations the security service advised me at that time that there was no evidence to support the allegations.

I am today advised again that no evidence to support the allegations has come to light at any time since

then.
There is no truth whatever in reports that Mr Stonehouse was being kept under investigation or surveillance by the security service at the time of his disappearance. MR HEATH, Leader of the Opposition (Bexley, Sidcup, C)—To make a statement of this kind is

To make a statement of this kind is an unusual procedure. (Labour MIPs: "Necessary.") From time to time there are press stories about intelligence activities and it has been a firmly held rule in the past that Prime Ministers and members of the Government do not make statements about allegations of this kind for the sound action that it opens und a stration reason that it opens up a situation where all sorts of serious allegations appear in the press to which credence is given if they are not denied in Parliament. I hope the Prime Minister will

assure the House that this is not to be taken as a precedent—that when allegations are made in the press of a security kind, a statement has immediately to be made in the

Mr Wilson has dealt with one allegation, but there are others on which he has not touched and it still leaves those allegations open Mr Stonehouse.

I hope further consideration will be given to this matter. As he raised it, can he tell us what inquiries have been made by the Government about the disappearance of Mr Stonehouse? MR WILSON-I agree to this

extent—and this extent only—that is a difficult problem for anyone rumours and inquendoes should holding the responsibilities he and cease. All the Stonehouse family

MR STANLEY (Tonbridge and Malling, C) asked if the Secretary of State for Education and Science

had completed his review of policy

on concessionary bus fares for

MR ARMSTRONG, Under Secretary (Durham, North-West, Lab) — The Secretary of State's review of

the arrangements for school-children is being limited to the provision of free or assisted trans-port under the Education Act, 1944. The question of concession-ary fares, in the sense of lower

fares for children not in receipt of

free or assisted school transport, is a matter for the Secretary of State for Environment.

C) asked the Secretary of State for

Education and Science what were the trends in the number of under-

graduates entering universities in

MR PRENTICE (Newham.

North-East, Lab)-The number of

undergraduotes entering univer-

sities in Britain increased from

52,000 in 1965-66 to 65,000 in 1971-

72, and has since risen to a provi-sional total of 71,000 in the current

The average annual rates of in-

crease represented by these figures are 3.4 per cent over the whole period and 2.8 per cent for the last three years. In the latest year the increase is 5.2 per cent, due partly to demographic reasons and partly

to an increase in overseas students.

MR WINTERTON-What in-formation has he about the lower-

ing standard of entry to univer-sity? Would he comment about the relevance of the Robbins prin-ciple and about the NUS proposal

academic year 1974-75.

and when not.
In Mr Heath's case it caused considerable surprise when he volunteered a statement that Philby was the third man on that famous occasion. I did not criticise obviously speaking with a full sense of responsibility. In this case there In this case there has been a serious press campaign—(Labour MPs: "Scurrilous")—based on stories going back to 1969 when I had responsibility in these matters. I had them fully investigated at the

time and there was nothing in

One has always to face the possibility that when defectors come out of the country where they have been and find their capital diminished—their intellectual capital of course—they try to revive their memories on these matters. However, nothing has been said this week which was not said in 1969 when the most rigorous inopiries were made. Not only was it proved then that Mr Stonebouse had not been a Czechoslovak spy—indeed that was not the suggestion—but that he

was not in any sense a security It is only fair and right to Mr Stonehouse, since so many news-papers have had top front page headlines on this matter, for me to state what I know and to say that I It does not follow that I shall comment in all future cases. It is a matter for discretion and it is very

I have no information about the disappearance. That is being investigated by the American police authorities and they are, of course, in touch with ours. I have no information. I only wish I had, but I have not

I have not.

Perhaps Mr Heath had in mind another issue which has been printed in the public press with great confidence and certainty. that Mr Stonehouse was an agent of the CIA. He was not an agent of

MR MOLLOY (Ealing, North, Lab)—Notwithstanding the comments of the Leader of the Opposition, the majority of MPs, British people and the family and children of John Stonehouse will be grateful to him for making the cateof John Stonehouse will be grateful to him for making the state-The media should respond to his statement in that tarmishing rumours and innuendoes should

on the recommendations made by

the working party on school transport. The Secretary of State will urgently consider the working party's report in consultation with those of his colleagues whose res-

MR STANLEY-This is a disappointing reply in view of the undertaking to try to produce a statement of Government policy by the Christmas recess. Will he

hasten the review in the light of concern about the inflexibility of

MR WINTERTON (Macclesfield, control of the subscription to that control of the subscription to the control of the subscript

standard of entry. There have been some false reports about this in

relation to certain universities, which have been denied. The figures I have given are broadly consistent with the Robbins princi-

ple. I think we are following k through in practice.
On the NUS point, my initial reaction is sceptical but I would like to hear more details.

hope he will admit that the target which the last Conservative Gov-ernment set was also within the

Will be confirm there is a de-cline in the number of entrants to universities in the sciences? Is it

true that there are 20,000 empty places in science departments of universities? Science lecturers are

concerned that they are having to take students of lower standard than they used to.

Will he set up an inquiry to see

MR HAMPSON (Ripon,

Disturbing shortage of science students

ponsibilities are concerned.

distressing pressures causing un-necessary pain and anguish to MR WILSON-I agree with Mr Molioy. One reason I made the statement was because the public-

statement was because the public-ity was not put in the form of innuendo but as statements of alleged fact and I thought it right in the interests, especially, of the family that this should be said. It is causing great distress to them. I understand that his mother has had a serious heart attack during the anxiety and pressure.

I think now that the press in question should, rather than hounding them in their homes, and asking children, domestic staff and everybody else the most far-fetched questions about matters which at the end of the day have to

be settled by the police authorities in another country, I think it is time they be given a little decent privacy and understanding and some reticence be shown by the press. (Labour cheers.) If it is any help that I have given this statement, I hope, considering the vards of newsprint devoted to the lie I have disproved, that they will use newsprint to print the truth in place of the lie.

Reducing conjecture

MR THORPE (North Devon L)—We are grateful that Mr Wil-son has made this statement. The security procedures to which he alluded are well established and generally accepted in all parts of the House. If Mr Stonehouse were here, he would be in a position to choose whether it was right to make a personal statement or to take other advice.

As he is not here, when alleg-As he is not here, when allegations of this sort are made against him, if any colleague, including a member of the Government, is able to rebut them, it is generally welcome out of loyalty to that collea-

gue.
While there are still matters of grave doubt which have to be resolved, the less speculative conjecture there is, the better. MR WILSON—I am most grateful to Mr Thorpe. He is expressing the views of the whole House in this matter. Another point he recognized from what he said was the allegation not added to by any

I was satisfied by the thorough investigations in which Mr Stone-house gave all possible help that there was no truth in those allegations. It is obvious to all that had there been a scintilla of evidence.

No clear solutions to school transport the lowest income families who live just outside the two and three miles limit? MR ARMSTRONG-We had hoped to come to a conclusion before the Christmas recess. An analysis of the replies we have had

> and satisfactory solutions to this difficult and almost intractable problem. I assure him we are giving it the most urgent consideration. Since the limits were imposed (he added) there have been the present system of concession-ary bus fares and the considerable date. We are taking that into con-financial hardship it is placing on sideration in our urgent review.

Implications of birth rate on teacher training

MR GUY BARNETT (Green wich, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Education and Science for a statement about his policy on the size of classes in primary and secondary schools.

MR PRENTICE—My aim is to achieve as soon as economic cir-

cumstances allow a supply of teachers sufficient to ensure that no class in a maintained primary or secondary school need exceed 30.

MR BARNETT—Will it be his policy to outlaw the class of over 30 children? There are areas of our primary and secondary schools where there is a need for classes of considerably less than 30. I think particularly of children with educational disadvantages, children with linguistic and language difficulties, who need to be taught in much smaller groups.

In the plans he is bringing forward for the future of teacher training and supply, is he bearing

this factor fully in mind? MR PRENTICE-Yes, I can give that assurance. I have referred to the Advisory Council on the Sup-ply and Training of Teachers the implications of the recent birthrate

Implications of the recent birthrate projections so that we may review our plans for entry into the colleges in the years ahead.

These plans will be consistent with an improvement in the pupiliteacher ratio, including arriving at a situation within a few years where I hope there will be no classes over 30 and much smaller classes in the kind of circumstances he described.

MR SHELTON (Lambert

MR SHELTON (Lambeth, Streatham, C)—Last April he agreed with the figure of 510,000, the target set by Mrs Thatcher for 1980-81. What figure does he now 1980-81. What figure does he now have in mind for 1980-81?

MR PRENTICE—I did accept the figure of 510,000. It is now clear that we can reach the objectives to which I have been referring with a rather smaller figure. Precisely what the figure will be will have to be announced after the consultations with the Advisory.

Council.
When the 1972 White Paper was written it was assumed that the school population by 1930-81 would be 9,600,000. On the latest projections it will be 8,700,000, almost one million children fewer than was then supposed would be the case.

consultations with the Advisory

MR HAMPSON (Ripon, C)-MK HAMPSUN (Ripon, C)—
How can be justify his policies
with regard to colleges of education, rushing them into mergers
and amalgamations, giving them
the chop and now holding a new
axe over their head by threatening to cut teacher training targets?
The morale of these colleges and their saifs is being int. Would it not be better to stick to the \$10,000 target rather than urging expenditure on the reorganization of secondary education? MR PRENTICE—He had better be careful to make clear that he is

not campaigning for large-scale teacher unemployment. The colleges face uncertainties in the period of reorganization. This is difficult for them, but no one can say they are being rushed into

mergers.

Both under the previous and present administrations a great deal of time and care, has been taken to discuss with them and with local authorities and others. concerned what would be the right pattern for higher education out side the university sector, includ-ing the colleges of education in each locality.

suspension of the university expan-

sion programme to ensure they can provide proper facilities for the students already there.

MR PRENTICE—I acknowledge

that the universities have been

passing through a difficult period

of financial stringency. That is the

reason why last week we announced an additional grant of £15m during the current year to

try to ease some of the problems. We have fixed a lower student target figure for 1980 than was previously the case. This will involve expenditure consistent with the Robbins principle.

MR LANE (Cambridge, C)—
Although last week's announcement may be some help, will the
Secretary of State go on using this
powerful muscle on the Treasury
to shield the universities from the
worst effects of inflation?

MR PRENTICE-I will certainly

New tax rules about domicile not to apply to gifts made before Finance Bill was published

Secretary to the Treasury (Heywood and Royton, Lab), moving the second reading of the Finance Bill, said the spring Finance Bill this year made a start on the construction of a fair and just tax system. (Conservative protests.) He on death. had never been more convinced that without such a system they could not hope to achieve the unity so desperately needed at this time

of crisis. The present Finance Bill continued the tradition of the previous one. Fairness had been a consistent rearness had been a consistent theme of the Government. They had sought to give a fair deal to pensioners and to families with children. They had taken the first steps towards a fair distribution of income and wealth. They were pro-

viding for the nation as a whole to receive a fair share of profits from the North Sea and they were doing their unnust along with the TUC to avoid the greatest unfairness of avon the greatest untainess of all—mass unemployment.

The Bill was a substantial one, much longer than any autumn Finance Bill in recent memory. The main reason was the inclusion of a major and long overdue tax reform, the capital transfer tax. The question of how works of art remaining in private hands should be treated under capital

Too easily avoided

The purpose of the capital transfer tax was to remedy the deficiencies in the present estate duty by ensuring that there was an effective tax on wealth. Estate duty had been too easily avoided in the past.
The duty had been avoided alto-The duty had been avoided altogether on estates given away more than seven years before the donor's death. The wealthy and well advised had been able to put their wealth beyond the reach of the duty for generations, up to 80 years or more, by putting it in discretionary trusts.

No fairminded person could say it was fair that such a situation should persist. Estate duty was unfair and by its inadeouacy it had contributed to the other and wider

contributed to the other and wider inequality of falling to ensure that the most wealthy had made a proper contribution to the nation's

achieve a major distribution of wealth a system must be found which reversed these defects. The new tax would apply, subject to certain exemptions, to all transfers of wealth whether made by way of gift during a person's lifetime or A number of exemptions from

the charge were set out in the Bill. He hoped the scope of the reliefs would demonstrate the Govern-ment were prepared to be flexible in applying the broad principles of the tax and ensure it would not bear too onerously on large sections of the community. The most important was the exemption for gifts between husband and wife.

The broad effect of the treatment proposed for gifts to charities and national heritage bodies at death was to give relief on the same scale as at present applied under estate duty. under estate duty.

Works of art

snould be treated under capital transfer tax was one which the Government would wish to consider in the light of the decision they took about wealth tax on works of art when they had the benefit of the select committee's advice. advice.

Meanwhile (he said) we have decided to continue the existing estate duty exemption for works of art and other objects of a qualifying standard which remain in priadvice. rate hands, but so as to apply only to transfers of qualifying objects on death. The exemption will be condi-tional, as under estate duty, on the giving of certain undertakings—for example not to send the object out of the country—and will be lost on a sale or a breach of the undertak-

a sale of a breach of the undertaking.

The Government had decided to
ease the burden which would fall
on transfers of agricultural land
owned and farmed by fulltime
working farmers. Relief was given
where the transferor qualified as a
person wholly or mainly engaged
in agriculture as a farmer or farm-

the seven precding years. If more than threequarters of the publication of the Bill by pe the carned income in those years ple whose legal domiclie w was obtained from farming the abroad. qualification was automatic.

The relief would apply in respect

of land, including farmhouses and buildings occupied for farming, by the transferor for at least two years before the transfer. The relief given would take the form of a reduction of the agricultural arket value of the property to 20 times its gross rental value. But any element of development value in the land would be taxable in

Amendments

Preparation of the capital transfer tax legislation had been a mammoth task involving the fram transfers on death to replace the 80-year-old estate duty. As a result of difficulties in framing the tax there were certain matters which there was insufficient time to deal with in the Bill as published.

It was intended to bring forward suitable amendments at committee stage. The intention was to intro-duce provisions to prevent avoi-dance by making gifts through the medium of close companies, in-cluding transactions involving alterations in the rights attaching to different closses of shares. It was inreaded to provide relief from the charges on settled propery for trusts set up for the bene-fit of employees, for example, benevolent funds held under dis-cretionary trusts and trusts in-tended to give effect to profit shar-ing schemes, funds held on discre-tionary trusts by a number of pre-fessional hodies and a few oursiprofessional bodies and a few quasi-professional ones, designed to in-demnify customers and clients against losses due to default by their members, for example, Lloyd's Central Fund and the Law Society Compensation Fund. A recent letter to The Times pointed out that the Government's proposals to treat people in certain circumstances as domiciled in the

ple whose legal domicie w

This would be contrary to it undertaking he gave in the sprin Budget debate about gifts man before a date to be fixed in th

I undertook (he said) that a g made in that period would exempt from the new tax if would not be chargeable to est; duty if the donor died on the d after making the gift. We intend to honour that und-taking and we shall bring forwa an amendment to Clause 40 ensore that the new rules abo

domicHe do not apply to gi made before December 10, 19 when the Bill was published. Fundamental changes

His understanding was that t crucial new rax would be opposed by Conservative MPs. (Conservative cheers.) He did not complete. about that Labour M's wor appreciate that is introduced a n and for Labour a fundamen change for the good in t Extra staff would be needed deal with the work on he contransfer tax, with the liquering the threshold for the hyarm-income surcharge and on smaller scale, with the provisu-relating to life assurance relief; the relief for murease in sto values.
It was estimated that be inla Revenue would need one additional staff for these purpo in the current year and a furth 160 in 1975-76. Customs aid Exc

The Government wen det mined to proceed with the task building a fairer society Uni-they did this they could not exp the people to unite to the wear we economic problems. The feed fairness was central to ill the policies and in particular to Bill. (Labour cheers.)

would not need any extra staff administer the proposal in

Companies helped to survive but not to invest

Opposition spokesman on econom-ic affairs (Barnet, Finchley, C), said the Chancellor, by putting said the Chancellor, by putting extra penalties on saving, was aim-ing at a spendthrift society. He favoured the spender and penalized the saver. The Bill would have a devastating effect on many chariies. The Finance Bill must be judged

on how it provided for the problems of today. The rate of inflation was accelerating. Last December the annual rate of inrease was 10.6 per cent, last March it was 13.5 per cent, and this December it was 18.3 per cent. Next year rates of 25 per cent were forecast.

Everyone had not grasped fully what these rates would man for

what these rates would mear for society and institutions if they continued. She wished the signs were better that the Government really intended to deal with inflation. The danger of inflation at this rate was that it would lead to massive memologueur.

memployment.

The prime objective of the Chancellor should be to deal with the accelerating rate of inflation.

The immediate problem was to agree on a new accounting system which would show what the true profit was and establishing a proper basis for assessing future need and actions. The immediate problem was that more companies were lem was that more companies were lem was that more companies were short of cash to meet their commitments and were having to lay off workers although the position on paper for profits still looked reasonable. For the Chancellor to have done nothing would have meant a large scale loss of jobs and it was that rather than a conversion to the private enterprise system that led him to take the action he did.

Most people doubted whether Mr Healey had done enough.

By the action the Chancellor had taken, he had enabled a number of companies to survive when they might otherwise have become in-solvent, but he had not restored

their capacity to invest.

If it was important to invest more, it was important to save more and important that the Chancellor did everything in his power to encourage savings on a considerable scale. Massive reequipment of industry was not likely to be obtained unless those who put their money in did so with money that had retained its value, earned a reasonable return whether by interest or dividend and they were able to keep enough after tax to make saving preferable to spending. cellor did everything in his power ing.
Those conditions were not being

met at the moment. Savings were not retaining their value. Sooner

or later the Chancellor would have to deal with that problem. The main provision of the Bill on savings income was a new impost on this year's savings, and to levy a higher rate of tax on savings income when it exceeded £1,000 a year was highly vindictive. It would put in difficulty many people who had no pension provision, but who had to provide for their future by building up assets and then living off income. There were aiready substantial

taxes on capital, and a capital transfer tax did not redistribute wealth, nor did wealth tax. They concentrated wealth in the hands of the Government. That was the opposite of redistribution If they wanted to distribute rather than concentrate, a form of tax on the dones would be better,

It was said that other countries had a capital tax and that it was all right for Britain to have one, but that must be considered in the light of all capital taxes here and overseas. Britain was not low in the league of capital taxes, but very high indeed. They did not need extra taxes. need extra taxes.

not a tax on the accumulated gifts

One of the peculiarly socialist features of the tax was that children were treated no better than strangers, with the one exception of a gift upon marriage. In many other countries, a lower rate was charged for gifts to family than to strangers.

The Government did not want children to benefit from the efforts of their parents. Although there was rampant in-flation, no provision had been made for indexation.

The tax would become a preven-The tax would become a prevention of gifts tax. Much land and many companies would remain in the hands of the older generation because they would not make gifts because of the tax and some companies and farms would remain for far too long with the older members of a family when it would be better for management to pass them on to the younger generation. The capital gains and transfer taxes would in many cases lead to much higher rates being payable than under the estates duty.

The effect on agriculture would be devastating. In many cases farmers would have to sell land in order to be able to pass some to the family. The old estate duty provisions were much better for the health of

lor and his friends were out to destroy the small businessman. Who would buy, other than the state? The nation would be living on its seed corn, a sure remedy for calamiry. The Conservatives would fight for small businesses playing their valuable part in the national life.

The Bill's provisions for charities were mean and would put some in difficulties. They would severely affect the setting up new charities and trusts. The Chancellor could have produced a recipe for recovery. The potential was there; the savings were there; the ability was there but there was a doubt whether the

It was not enough to say that he did. The Chancellor's actions must prove that he did. Until then confidence would not be restored and he could only offer a recipe for decline.

Government wanted a flourishing Independent private enterprise sec-

MISS MARGARET JACKSON (Lincoln, Lab) said the capital transfer tax would bring an improvement in the quality and distribu-tion of wealth. She welcomed a tax which would bear on the wealthy who were at present not carrying anything like a fair share of the tax

MR WILLIAM CLARKE (Croydon, South, C) said businessmen were petrified what the Government, under the Chancellos going to do. The budget had been one of envy. The antagonism towards capitalism in all its facets was one of the factors in the main responsible for the low ebh in which the economy found itself. The capital gains tax should be based out. The Government hould do more to help private

enterprise. There are (he said) many people in our society who are not in-terested in our way of life. Their one object is to overthrow the capitalist system. The Chancellor in doing his tight-rope act between these two sections in his party is damaging the economy.

This Budget did nothing to help business. There were a few sops here and there, but behind it was the iron fist against capitalism and the small businessman. The need was for confidence, not con trickery. That was why he hoped the Bill would be rejected.

MR POWELL (South Down, UUUC) said they were in a peri-lous condition and the nature of were much better for one nearth or farming and were therefore better for food production.

The only rational conclusion that condition was their instability. What was urgently necessary was from the Bill was that the Chancel-

control of its own economic a monetary future, that they shou regain the ability to stand in th When inflation was running at per cent, or whatever it night at the moment. In any Europ

whatsoever, success in educi the rate of inflation, hovever was done, must of necessives in the emergence of a suistant level of unemployment. That win the nature of things or t simple reason that the densit which, if the rate fell from its repercent would have the some per cent, would have that con-quence had already been twon. The Government and the Cha to receive in doing what eurybo knew was their duty, the supp of the House and through to?

country when the inevitale seffects of success in doginal inflation emerged. For too often (he said wit that moment came and wien s cess was available to us. rhen could have regained our se respect, time and again when spectre appeared people sad : been prepared—I think it v there that the 'ault lay—crisce
It is from this debate and t
which follows it tomorrow that

Chancellor ought to be gren merely advice and exhortation the promise of support if se d what is necessary. MR SEDGEMORE (Luton World Lab) said the Labour increm? would expect the Chancelor hold to the commitment of g employment. The Chancelle is defended his last budget in basis that whatever unemploying resulted from the demand mana

ment policy of his three budgets had staved off unemployed which might result from the selection of the budgets in British industry. Even assume he was right over that, it dides explain why he told the Horse few months ago he would reft the economy and had now established up by deflating the economy An Opposition amenda describing Finance Bill provide as inadequate, and in screepers damaging ", was reject by 312 votes to 269—Government

majority 43. The Bill was read a second by 303 votes to 13—Governm majority 290.

Private Bills

The Port True (North Shie? Fish Harbour) Elli, the River Wi-Barrage Bill, and the Crouch labour Bill were read the third tide

Rejection of Bill on school leaving age

MR FREUD (Isle of Ely, L) was refused leave by 228 votes to 130 votes to bring in a Bill to amend the school-leaving age to enable certain students to terminate their formal secondary education before the one of 16 vers the age of 16 years.

He said that since he had sought leave to bring in a similar Bill five months ago he had received over 300 letters from headmasters and teachers and every one of them was in favour of it.

Education was oriented towards examinations. His contention was

that when a 16 year old had taken the CSE or O level, what was the point of keeping him or her on at school? The Bill sought to enable pupils to leave after their exami-There were many children who had made up their minds what to do in life. Education was a prep-

aration for life and the Bill pro-posed that this fifth year be spent under the umbrella of the education authority but possibly with work experience and day release on colleges of education. There was in his constituency one enlightened beadmaster who took his post examination students on 12-bore shooting courses.

MR RICHARD MITCHELL (Southampton, Itchen, Lab) said he believed strongly that they should set a single school-leaving date. He would choose June 1, to operate at the latest in 1976. There had been only a year's experience of the new school leaving age, and the measure suggested in the Bill would make matters worse. It should be decisively

(Laughter.)

universities. Inflationary pressures (be said) are causing unprecedented difficulties for the universities in fulfilling present requirements. There is becoming a strong argument for do my best to use my muscle on the Treasury. I sometimes think my kife is divided into two parts— one fighting the Treasury and the other having to imitate them. **Reserve forces benefits**

MR TOMLINSON (Meriden, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Defence whether to make arrangements to improve the benefits payable to members of the Reserve Forces or their families in the event of death or injury attributable to service.

MR PRENTICE—This is a com-plex manter. It is difficult to know precisely what the likely real demand in Robbins terms will be in the 1980s, but 640,000 is the best estimate we can make on present

Failure to take up science places is disturbing. I am not sure that we need an inquiry because we know a

great deal about it, and we must do all we can to encourage good appli-

MR RIFKIND (Edinburgh, Pent-

lands, C) asked whether the Secre-tary of State was satisfied with the

number of universities and the number of places for students at universities.

cants for these places.

evidence.

MR WILLIAM RODGERS, Minister of State, said in a written reply: Yes. With effect from April 1, 1974, we are introducing new arrangements to supplement the benefits already payable under the Department of Heakh and Social Security's war pensions scheme in cases where death or injury is attributable to service and arises in the course of peacetime exercises or training. or training.
In cases of death the reservist's widow will receive E382 a year from Defence Votes plus £127 a year each for up to four dependent

children; if the reservist is unmar-ried a single payment of £254 will be made into his estate.

A reservist who is disabled to a degree requiring his discharge from the Reserve will receive between £254 and £508 a year according to degree of disability. These amounts, which will not vary by rank, will be increased from time to time in the same way as pensions increases are applied to other Armed Forces pensions. They may be reduced on account of any damages recovered by the reservist or his dependants. We will ensure that payments are made as onickly that payments are made as quickly as possible in cases which have arisen since April 1, 1974.

Parliamentary Notices

House of Lords Today at 2.30: Debate on devolution for Scotland. House of Commons loday at 2.50: Debate on the econom a mollon for the adjournm Motion on BLMC.

Reorganization in schools

MR NEWENS (Harlow, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Education and Science how many schemes for the introduction of comprehensive schools had been submitted by local authorities since February, 1974, MR ARMSTRONG, Under Secretary, said in a written reply: Since Mr Prentice came into office, 82 Mr Prentice came into office, 82 statutory notices have been published under Section 13 of the Education Act, 1944, mostly by local education authorities but in some cases by the governors or promoters of voluntary schools, relating to the submission of proposals for 169 secondary comprehensive schools, whether newly established or to be formed by the representation or to be formed by the reorganiza-tion of existing schools. Of these he has approved 12 sets of proposals, to give 48 schools, together with 66 sets of proposals submitted during his predecessor's

term of office, to give 113 schools.

MR JAY (Wandsworth, Estrersea, North, Lab) asked the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food what increases, if any, in levies or duties on foodstuffs imported into the United Kingdom from outside the EEC it was proposed to make in January, 1975.

Alignment of food duties on EEC imports

MR STRANG-On January 1, 1975, in accordance with our obligations in the Treaty of Accession, the United Kingdom will make its next step towards alignment with the rates of duty in the CCT on imports from third countries. This step is an alignment of 20 per cent in the difference between United Kingdom and CCT duty rates. In some cases this will result in a decrease in duties and in others an increase, Special arrangements will continue to apply to trade with associable Commonwealth coun-

tries and with certain Meditor ranean countries. Full details of the rates applicable from January 1 are contained in the Import Duties (General) (No 5) Order, 1974. There are no transitional steps towards EEC price levels for leviable commodities to be taken in January. Actual levies payable vary according to the level of world prices. Because of high sprid prices and the contribution world prices and the operations of monetary compensatory amounts levies are not currently charged on many items imported from third

countries.
We are however adopting full Community prices for sugar from January 1 because of the present exceptional situation on the world sugar market. Given the present level of world prices import levies will not be payable.

Sorting mail automatically: 9m items a week

MR ATKINSON (Haringey, it tenham, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Industry what perchage tage of letters were automatic. sorted using the postcode syste-what was the estimated cost beli fit to the Post Office; and win was the estimated cost to industic commerce and the public of add a postcode to the normal addres. a postcode to the normal addres.

MR GREGOR MACKENZ
Under Secretary, in a writ
reply, stated: The Post Office t
me about 6 per cent of all mact
able mail, or some nine mill
items a week is at present sor
automatically; and that, wi
postal mechanization helps
reduce the demand for scarce m
power, the full finantial benefits
automatic sortine will not acc

Providing effective defence system in line with Britain's resources

LORD SHEPHERD, Lord Privy Seal, moved that the House took note of the statement on the defence review made by the Secretary of State for Defence. He said it was not just defence which had been singled out for stringent treatment. Government expenditure as a whole must be restrained to free resources for

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more productive economic use, particularly for exports and import saving and for productive invest-The objective of the review was to ensure the maintenance of a modern and effective defence system while reducing its cost as a proportion of their national resources. The Government's proposals put the balance right. The Government's proposals were based on the principle that they should concentrate as a first priority on those areas in which

they could most effectively con-tribute to the security of the Nato alliance and the United Kingdom itself. They would maintain and, where necessary, improve the effectiveness of those elements of the forces which were committed to the direct defence of Britain and the seas around it. The Government were under no

illusions about the threat presented by the Warsaw Pact. The Soviet Union was steadily building up its forces. These factors had strongly influenced their thinking They were not proposing to make any reductions in the fighting capability of RAF Germany. Efforts at sea would be concentrated where they could most effectively deal with the threat from the increasingly powerful Soviet submarine forces in the east Final decisions would not be

sultation with their allies and partners in the Commonwealth had tæken place. There were some who would wish to see greater reductions, but such a course would create diffi-culties for alies in Europe. The defence posture the Government inherited belied Britain's true

taken until the full process of con-

inherited belied Britain's true political and economic strength. The aim of the Government had been to bring these factors into line over a period which allowed an orderly transition without jeopardizing central security interests.

Our immediate battle (he went on) is on the economic front; there lies our greatest risk. As in defence we need the cooperation of our allies, so the main responsibility at home is ours to ensure a more sound economic base on which our political and social fabric depends. fabric depends. LORD CARRINGTON (C),

Opposition spokesman on foreign affairs and defence, said people were only interested in defence when they were threatened and then it was too late to do anything about it because preparations should have been made years

If by imprudent savings or political ignorance defence cuts put at risk the alliance on which they depended and their capacity to depended and their capacity to defend themselves, then much harm would be done. There was one area of saving not mentioned: rationalization and collaboration of development and production of weapons. It was extraordinary that 25 years after the inception of Nato the European armed services still had different

concepts of tactics and strategy, leading to different weapons. It was here that real savings could be

defence and that those who took part in it were essential to the ational survival and wellbeing. Macher the Government had done serious damage it was too early to say, but the country would hold them responsible. LORD GLADWYN (L) said in general the Liberals understood the need to streamline defence

expenditure in the nation's present dire economic straits, but regretted that at times electoral rather than strategic considerations seemed to have been responsible for some of the economies.

that ?
There were two imperatives : to strengthen collective security and to make the best possible use of existing manpower and resources. LORD CHALFONT said assuming that substantial defence curs had to be made the proposals were sound, bonest and businesslike. This was not an extensive review; there must be a review of a fundamental kind which started from the bottom. There must be no sacred cows of nuclear submarines. bases, garrisons, naval dockyards or weapon systems. the economies.

The review could pose serious questions of morale in the Services. The old recruiting slogan used to be: "Join the Army and see the world". But "Join the Army and get shot at in Ulster" seemed an unattractive alternative. The effect on recruiting was likely to be serious any threat to Britain's security as any threat to Britain's security as any threat from outside.

Adequate coal for winter LORD ORR-EWING (C) asked

the Government to admit that whereas at the beginning of last winter there were 35 million tons of solid fuel in stock there were only 21 million tons this winter major publicity campaign urging people to use the minimum of solid fuel. and it would be wise to launch a

fuel.

LORD BALOGH, Minister of State for Energy, said the conditions which applied last winter did not apply this winter. The Government would certainly launch a publicity campaign for energy saving in general. This winter they would have, he hoped, a continuous supply of coal and even severe weather would not interrupt it.

LORD HARSHAM of ST MARYLEBONE asked if that complacent reply amounted to a guarantee for this winter.

LORD BALOGH said he would LORD BALOGH said he would

Exclusion order served on five

automatic sorting will not accumil the network as a whole

MR BEITH (Berwick u) Tweed, L) asked the Hom tary how many people had be served with exclusion orders; h
many exclusion orders had b
signed but not served; and h
many people had been exclusion
since the Northern Ireland (P vention of Terrorism) Act. 19came into effect. MR ROY JENKINS, said in

written reply: Notice of the ming of an exclusion order under Prevention of Terrorism (Temp ary Provisions) Act has served on five people. Two of these five have be removed and representations ma-in respect of the other three : under consideration. In addition have made five exclusion ordenotice of which has not be served.

Three of the persons concerr are understood to be outside t United Kingdom.

We've always maintained it takes two weeks to really enjoy Silk Cut. Some people don't agree.

In the past, we've always advised new Silk Cut smokers to try out our cigarette for at least a fortnight.

Two weeks, we felt, was about the time it took to appreciate its mild, yet satisfying taste.

(Particularly after some stronger cigarettes.)

We fight shy, however, of giving such advice now.

Since we've recently come across a number of our smokers who tend to disagree with it.



Iain Campbell is, as is evident from his photograph, a keen gardener:

And as such appreciates that good things sometimes take a little time to blossom.

"I was quite prepared to spend a couple of weeks getting to like Silk Cut," he said. "In actual fact, it took just over a week." Alfred Custance had much the same sort of experience.

"It didn't take me any time at all," he told us.

"NO TIME ATALL".

para and Alfred Custance, Woodingdean, Sussex.

His wife, Barbara, also happens to be one of our smokers.

In fact, she was the person who introduced him to Silk Cut.

Though she did find the transition from her previous cigarette somewhat harder.

It having taken her a month.



Phillipa Hather has smoked our cigarette for six months.

And like Iain and Alfred, found the change an easy one.

"It only took me one cigarette," she declared. "I enjoyed smoking Silk Cut straight away."

Albert Fisher, you will note, experienced a touch more trouble than that.

He spent a good three weeks smoking our cigarette before he could really say he enjoyed it.

"A GOOD 3 WEI

But he agreed with Phillipa, Alfred, Barbara and Iain on one point at least:

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Why universities may be forced to lower their standards

The Association of University Teachers, which has 27,000 members, meets in Bath today at a time when universities are more under threat from financial starvation and national ill-will than they have ever been before. Professor William Walloce, a pro-Vice-Chancellor of the New University of Ulster. Coleraine, and this year's

president of the association, argues that universities provide a vital service, which the nation cannot afford to do without.

Most British institutions are susceptible to caricature, and none more so than the universities. Bespectacled old gentlemen in gowns and mortarboards arguing abstruse irrele-vancies against a background of gothic towers; scruffy, longhaired undergraduates rampaging through glass and concrete administrative blocks: these are the stock-in-trade of the critics. Other institutions are equally vulnerable. The trade unions, for example, receive their share of abuse. But they can hit back and protect their interests in a way the universi-ties cannot. If power workers strike, governments and the public pay heed to their demands. If universities teeter public under inflation, governments and the public admonish them and bid them do more with less. The possible decline of the universities carries no immediately obvious threat to the welfare of the nation.

The decline is not quite under way. The quinquential settlement was less than reasonable, but some developments could be postponed and others slowed down. Supplementation for inflation was removed at the very moment that inflation started spiralling, but reserves could be run down and universities could go over to deficit financing. The University Grants Committee could throw in the small fund it had set aside to encourage innovation. and the Government could add a little more to compensate for having calculated too savage a non-supplementation cut. with major deficits destined for the end of this academic year and crippling ones for the year after, real and rapid decline is

horrifyingly near.

For several years now all universities have been searching out ways of saving money. Inflation apart, it has been very difficult in face of the increas-ing sophistication of both teach ing and research and the rising expectations of both students and the public at large. No doubt more can be done through increased rationalization and greater cooperation. particularly where institutions are fairly close to one another. But there are limits, to go beyond which would destroy the comprehensive and corporate nature of individual universities.

frequently overlooked. An annual expenditure of more out are not to be sub-standard than £400m on staff, buildings and therefore damaging to the and facilities carries greater industrial and social fabric of and facilities carries greater significance when broken down to £45m for Sussex, £3-4m for Lancaster, or £2-3m for Stirling. The annual output of highly skilled manpower is now quite staggering, not far short of 60,000 with first degrees or of 15,000 with higher degrees.

About 50 per cent of those with first degrees are in pure or applied science, including medicine, and about 60 per cent of those with higher degrees. Some of those with first degrees immediately go on for higher degrees, and some with either go abroad. But altogether about 9,000 enter engineering, chemicals and manufacturing industries in general, and about 1,000 each enter commerce, banking and accountancy.

The welfare state and the public services also depend heavily upon the output of graduates. The 3,000 doctors and dentists are already insufficient to meet the annual needs of the health service. Central government absorbs 1,000 graduates a year and local gov-ernment 3,000. More than 1,000 take up legal practice, and more than 10,000 go into one level or another of education. Contrary to fashionable belief there is no shortage of good or potential applicants for university places. Despite the alternative opportunities offered by

polytechnics and other institu-tions of higher education the

number of students admitted

this October has again increased

on the previous year. If some universities had to down, the remainder would have difficulty maintain-ing the present level of output, let alone increasing it or going seriously into the field of continuing education. But it is doubtful whether any government would want to face the political consequences of clostres, or could even contemplate them given the arguments and forces that would be ranged against them. If all the existing universities were given just enough supplementation to stay in business, it is equally certain that they could not cope with rising numbers, or indeed cope properly with what they are at

ernment economy and accelerating inflation, they will have no alternative but to reduce the standard of the education they provide. Once all the economizing and redeploying has been done, there still needs to be substantial supplementation & Times Newspaper Ltd, 1974

'Ore te kimaasai aisidai ankaini oleng'

The importance of the —and reparation—if the techno-universities to the economy is logists and economists, consultants and civil servants they turn Britain.

The importance of university research is also underrated. About one-eighth of the universities' recurrent expenditure is provided under grant or con-tract by outside bodies specifically for research. But that is only the tip of the iceberg. The whole system of university financing is based on the inter-dependence and inextricability of teaching and research; and academic staff spend upwards of a third of their time (much of it "out of hours") on re-search of one kind or another. Exploring the energy field and applying discoveries has depended in large measure on the universities, as have advances in medicine, in the understand-ing and safeguarding of the en-vironment, and in the protection of the socially disadvantaged and the treatment of the

socially sick.
All this is now in jeopardy.
The fall in public funding is worsened by the reduced budgets of the research councils and the investment difficulties of many of the private trusts. It may be no loss if some of the more esoteric and much-criticized research projects go to the wall. But any serious decline in the research activity of British universities would not only lower the standard of their graduate output but would seriously impair the interna-tional competitiveness of the British economy and the quality of life of the British

people.
No one would argue that there is perfection in the universities. Some of the caricatures are not caricatures at all. However, the universities are fully alive to the realities of Britain's domestic and international situation, and they are auxious to be able to make their contribution to retrieving it and to helping mankind at large. They are willing to make sensible economies. They are trying to improve themselves as, for example, the Nuffield investigation into inno-vation in higher education is already showing. But they can-not accept that their currency must be debased.

It is appropriate rather than unfortunate that the universities resent. have no weapons other than
But the crux of the matter is reasoned inquiry and discusthat, unless the universites are restored to something like the comparative financial position they had before they were caught up in the scissors of government are ungent need of informed debate and meaningful negotiation to enable the universities to do all that is required of them in teaching and research in the next crucial decade of reassessment and recovery

William V. Wallace

Ronald Butt

An economic tightrope for Labour

In its debate on the economy gets (say) 30 per cent, the today, the House of Commons special advantage that these has to address itself to a very question. With the simple nation staggering near the brink of the worst economic crisis of the century, is Mr Healey justified in his reliance on his search for Arab cooperation, and on the social con-tract and his recent public

expenditure cuts at home, to pull the nation back to comparative safety? The Chancellor's direct and inlendly approach to the Arabs may well pay off, for there is little support among America's allies for Dr Kissinger's wish to wield a collective cudgel of consumer resistance against the oil producers.

Yet since the Chancellor came back from Saudi Arabia in an apparent mood of ebul-lience, the Government has almost seemed to be using his optimism as a justification for diverting attention from that part of Britain's inflationary problem that is generated at home—and it is the conse. ouence of this attitude that the Commons have to scrutinize. Dare the Government rely in 1975 on the social contract; are there other things that should be done and, if so, why will the Government not do

The rationale of the Government's resistance to doing more starts from its assertion that our domestic problem is one of inflation, but not one of excess demand. It therefore insists that deflationary measures which would damage productivity are ruled out; that the wage increases must be kept within manageable limits by the social contract; and that so far, the social contract (the miners excepted) is not doing too badly even if it is not doing as well as might be hoped.

However, it is a question whether the social contract, even if it works as well as possible within the Government's definition of it, is an adequate policy. In this respect, Mr Michael Foot's party political broadcast last week was illuminating. Essentially, what he had to say was this. The Government is prepared to concede extra high wages to deserving

groups ought to have would be lost, prices would be pushed up all round, and a slump would be brought nearer.

Therefore, said Mr Foot, the wages aspect of the social con-tract was vital—but the way in which he defined this was significant. He pointed out that there was no room for any increase (and he underlined the word in his text) in living standre is little with the cost of living and no more, and also on the basis of making new wage settlements only every 12 months.

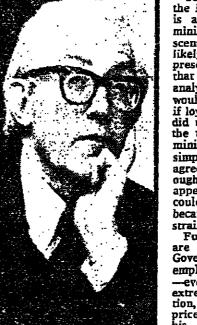
Yet even if the social contract works according to Mr Foot's definition, it is surely a question whether, if it does sustain living standards it will adequate economic defence.

If wage increases enable people to sustain the same standard of living on the basis of rising important prices, the danger is that we shall continue to build external inflation into our own economic struc-On this analysis, it is arguable that wage settlements ought to be marginally below what is necessary to sustain the standard of living, with the result that people reduce their consumption, if inflation is to be checked.

Whitehall's answer to this, in

justification of the present policy, is that it would of course be a correct analysis if import prices rose beyond a certain rate, but the hope is that the rise in raw materials will begin to ease off and that the oil producers will be reasonable. Given no great worsening of the external position, the argument runs, a social contract that keeps wages in line with the rise in the cost of living should be enough to conquer inflation gradually assuming an annual produc-tivity increase of between 2 and 3 per cent. This should give producers an annual 2 or 3 per cent improvement in their unit costs which, if passed on to consumers, would

mean the gradual conquest of inflation over a period of time. How long this would take is, cases (the miners, the bakers of course, a key question and and the nurses) but if everyone the answer depends on various



Mr Foot: A wage freeze would mean his departure.

uncertain factors such as import prices and the develop-ment of wage settlements over the next year—but even the optimists concede that 1975 will

be a bad and dangerous year. Put like this, it hardly needs stressing how fragile a defence is the concept of a nicely balanced social contract on wages which seems to promise maintaining living standardsand this would be true even if the social contract worked as well as the Government hopes which, of course, it is not doing. In this situation, the economic forecasters of the Treasury know that, while it is possible to write an optimistic scenario based on Arab cooperation and the social contract at the end of which we should be "rescued" by North Sea oil, it is also possible to write a pessimistic scenario which, at worst could culminate in a catastrophe based on a wages explosion in the middle of an industrial

the Micawberish optimism that is an occupational hazard of ministers, the pessimistic scenario must appear the more likely with the unions in their present mood, and one suspects that this would also be the analysis to which the Treasury would primarily address itself if loyalty to its political masters did not constrain it. However. the truth is that officials, like ministers, are bound by the simple fact that even if they agreed that something more ought to be done now, there appears to be nothing that could be done at this moment because of the political con-straints on the Government.

Further deflationary measures are ruled out because of the Government's commitment to employment and job protection

even though Mr Benn's
extreme version of job protection, regardless of the economic price, has had a setback with his enforced abandonment of his hopes of saving the HS146, which he had hoped to save with Government money. The fact is that rescuing the jobs that men are already in is a mat men are already in 15 a major consideration for the Labour Government as a whole. Similarly, realistic pricing policies still have to be subordinated to the "social contract" on wages. The measure that Whitehall (left to its own devices) would one suspects be devices) would, one suspects, be most prone to consider, therefore, is a short wage freeze which would not be followed by the kind of statutory policy for incomes which caused the Tories so much trouble. But Mr Wilson is over and over again pledged against such a policy (at any rate until the crisis has already burst) and the officials who write it into their various contingency plans know that at the moment a wage freeze is politically not "on". It is understood that such a policy would mean the depart ture from the Government of Mr Foot, because of his close ties with the union hierarchy. And though it does not neces-sarily followed that Mr Benn, whose syndicalist responses to the shop floor represent a dif-ferent brand of leftism from

To anyone not afflicted by even if it were adopted in a dire

So, almost certainly, would the use of the price code to penalize employers who con-ceded wage claims outside the social contract (an idea already floated by Mrs Shirley Wi liams) or of making such additional pay subject to extra tax on the recipient. Although no such propositions have beer formally put to ministers, they have been canvassed in White hall contingency planning pap ers and left-wing ministers have reacted very angrily even to discussion of the idea.

Finally, we have the possi bility of import controls to reduce internal consumption per haps with the rationing of some raw material and fuel. Thi idea is not simply antipathetic to ministers afraid of its de flationary impact, or the con sequences for the Common Market negotiations. The ide-plainly also causes the Treasur to shudder-much more than wages freeze would—since it i against all the prevailing wis

Not only are the Governmen and its officials afraid o economic reprisals, and of pro voking a world slump, but the also believe that it would worsen the wages position a home because it would mean that we cut out the goods that are cheapest to import.

So, for political reasons, the Government rests on its presen policies. It is a situation a plain as it is bizarre. Even if th Government, on the present evidence, was inclined to believe in the pessimisti scenario of the future, the poltical constraints on its ow actions by the Labour Part and trade union feeling woul prevent it from taking an further action unless a storr breaks. Only if and when thi happens will it perhaps hav the freedom to do so-and the at great potential cost to th Labour Party. That is the situation in which the House c Commons debates the econom today. It is not one that is prepossessing in terms of dema ferent brand of leftism from Mr Foot's, would go with him—much ground for hope the the fact is that a wages freeze would split the Labour Party,

Bernard Levin

Wild imaginings that see a baby as a guerrilla

The most extraordinary thing about the remark that Dr Bridget Rose Dugdale is re-ported to have made at the first ight of her new-born son-"He's going to be a guerrilla"
—is that she probably did make

it. Indeed, it is quite possible that it was not even said with conscious thought of its effect;
"He's going to be a guerrilla" may actually have been the first thing she thought when she saw her child. For Cruelto has a h

And Jealousy a human face; Terror the human form divine, And Secrecy the human dress.

And it is therefore not at all impossible that Dr Dugdale is so far removed from consciousness of her own inadequacy, so unable to see the nasty futility of her own life, so achingly devoid of any trace of a sense of humour, that all she could see in the infant was something as mad, bad and dangerous to know as herself. One would not expect Dr Dugdale to declare that her son was a little bundle of joy sent by the angels, nor that his tiny fingers and toes were as beautiful as fairies' footprints; nor would one expect her to announce his tith in the appropriate column of The Times. All the same, even achievements to date have been to rob her own parents and then to rerrify two gentle

The churches are to promote a

The churches are to promote a Frugality Campaign in Britain in the coming year with the idea that families will deny themselves a meal a day or a meal a week and devote the proceeds to Third World aid. Lailan Young, who has just returned from India, asked people there (though not the starving ones) what they thought of the plan:

A driver in Calcutta, who

A driver in Calcutta, who sends half his earnings back to his impoverished family in Bihar, was not going to scorn help from any quarter. Even

small amounts can help a lit-tle", he said, but added: "The first help should come from

Richer Indians often disa-greed. Professor Chaturyedi of

the Benares Institute of Medi-

cal Sciences said: "This small gesture will not help a big pro-blem. It is to help their own

ego; a country which ruled us ruthlessly for 150 years cannot think of us now." Another pro-

fessor at the same institute said: "The British would not dare offer such things to China."

An assistant editor of The

does not make any difference

and it creates a false impres-

facturing oral contraceptives denied any belief in charity:

fish then to give him a fish", he said, unconsciously echoing

charity advertising in Britain.

A guide in Darjeeling said that by giving the British could teach rich Indians a les-

son in generosity, and the director of a hotel in Benares

was enthusiastic: "If people all over the world did this and

missed a meal a week everyone in the world could be fed."

Mother Teresa said that her organization has got 26 ambulances to minister to 46,000 leners in their care faces.

It is better to teach a man to

rich Indians."

pictures, probably for no better reason than that in her poor, broken mind the people represented her parents and the pictures something as eternal and immutable as her beliefs are insubstantial and ramshackle, you might suppose that her first thought at the sight of her first-born would be something less fatuous

"He's going to be a guerrilla." No doubt Dr Dugdale would dismiss with contempt anyone who found anything odd in such a response to the sight of her new-born child. The ters, and for her I suppose, a baby is not, as it might be to doubt it did not cross her mind other women who had just that the child would grow up given birth, a creature who to be a violent termagant in might take any one of a a rotten cause. Is it not possible, paths through life, who might achieve fame or happiness or suffer pain or failure, but an empty vessel into which she will pour all her ignor-ance, all her desperate need to turn her self-hatred outwards, all her intolerance and dark desire to inflict pain, until the vessel is full of it and it spills over into the same waste and folly as she has made of her own life. She thinks of herself as a guerrilla, though in truth she is nothing but a fool: so she thinks of her son as a guer-rilla, though in truth he is noth-

One might think that even a woman as confused as Dr Dugdale would stop for a moment and think of her own birth and of her own parents. It is not recorded what her mother's first words after giving birth were, though I think

it is unlikely that they were "She's going to be a fascistcapitalist - imperialist - bandit" still, it is even more unlikely that they contained even a in the end become. No doubt, human nature being what it is, Dr Dugdale's mother hoped that her daughter would grow up to be a credit to her parents; no then, that Dr Dugdale's son may grow up to be something less than a credit to his parents, that he might, while loving his mother no less than her parents still clearly love her, comfound her hopes by becoming say, a stockbroker, an army officer, or a poet? She will, of course, do her best to inculcate him with the best and grubby values by which she lives; but then, her parents did their best to imbue her with the spirit of the straight and honourable values by which they lived, and although of course she would

tives, doing so might not, in taught to hate her rubbish itself, be quite enough to cause. I hope myself that h itself, be quite enough to ensure that her proud boast— "He's going to be a guerrilla" —is fulfilled.

Feeling sorry for Dr Dugdale, which I do and which I hope any person of sensibility would, is presumably something that would make her much angrier than hatred and denunciation. However just a prison sentence may be, and however impos-sible it may be to have people like that walking about free to be a menace to everybody else, the sheer horribleness of lock-ing human beings up in a cage, whatever they have done, still comes into any contemplation of crime and punishment. How much more, then, must one feel sorry for Dr Dugdale. In the first place, she committed her crimes because her poor, soft, impressionable head had been so crammed with crazy rubbish by her lover and her own psychological problems that everything else was pushed out of it. And in the second place, of course, she has given birth to a child in prison, and since it is inconceivable that the Irish authorities will allow the child to grow up in prison, there will come a parting which for her will be doubly bitter in that it will not only be the parting of a mother from her child but will inevitably torment her with the conviction that he will be

will not need to be taught that I hope that he will conclude when he is old enough to thin about such things, that a caus which leads to such empty beastly behaviour as his mother was involved in must be a caus to shun, though I hope he do not go on from that conclusion to shun his mother, too. It may be, of course, that I

will grow up to be a credit her in a sense different fro that which she would unde stand, and instead of being guerrilla will be the instrume of rescuing her from the me tal morass in which she wa lows; perhaps he will, throug example if not through arg ment, show her, in the mo literal sense of the old word the error of her ways. Perbap yet the only thing of which v. can be certain is that anyou who will undertake to say of tainly what a newborn chi will become is likely to be co founded; there is no reason suppose that Dr Dugdale any exception to that prof sition, and therefore her so though he may indeed turn o as she hopes, is much mo likely not to. "He's going to a guerrilla", is he? Has Dugdale thought of the ultima horror, the possibility that might be a priest? © Times Newspaper Ltd, 19

ing but a baby. The Times

Diary

Going hungry to help the starving

week. The Reverend Subir Biswas, dean of Calcutta Cathedral and director of their relief mission, said: You have to feel it before you can do anything. Anyone who has given up a major meal a day feels it. We do it here at the cathedral to remind ourselves what it feels like."

Christian Aid, in Britain, say they are not going to make their major launch of the Frugality Campaign until after Christmas.

Not serious

Statesman in Calcutta did not There was a nasty scene at the like international charity: "It wort Hall on Monday night during a concert of music in aid of Cyprus refugees. Ian Hendry, the actor, left the stage to some sion of people fulfilling their refugees. moral obligation." The finan-actor, left cial director of a firm manu-jeers and jeers and booing after a confused 20-minute performance of readings and jokes which offended many of the 3,000 people in the audience. Hendry had not been scheduled to appear in the programme. He did so at the last minute suggestion of Stavros Xarchakos, the Greek conduc-tor. Xarchakos wrote the music for the recent television series, The Lotus Eaters, in which Hendry played an alco-holic living in Crete.

It was Hendry's light hearted approach which first alienated the audience, among whom were the Cyprus High Comlepers in their care from peo-ple who had given up a meal a dor. He began with a joke

about "when I was a little girl...".

George Lanitis, the press counsellor at the Cyprus High Commission and vice-chairman of the Anglo-Cypriot Society, said yesterday: "People went there to pay homage to the refugees. It was a serious affair and he wasn't serious. As far as we were concerned As far as we were concerned it was rather unfortunate that he was there."

reverse those pairs of adjec-

Hendry came on stage and sat on a high stool. According to one member of the audience he "rambled in an incoherent way about his early experiences at the Albert Hall". This is when the heckling started. "Hendry, you're boring us", one man shouted.

Then he read a poem by a young refugee and further angered some spectators by appearing to be dismissive about it. He followed this with what he described as a poetic composition of his own, which some Greeks and Cypriots found incomprehensible.

There were further jeers and groans at this point. "Get off", some people shouted.

W. B. Whitworth of Much Had ham spotted this novel gift idea in the Christmas gift guide in The Times last Saturday: "Girl to join ski party. . . .?

Uncharitable

Sales of charity Christmas cards in London have dropped by some 25 per cent this year. Part of the shortfall is probably due to the failure of the Cherity Christmas Card Council—which represents 105 charities—to open its outlets on time. The opening of four of the seven outlets was delayed by at least a week and takings are down by £20,000.

One factor in the failure to open the outlets on time was apparently a disagreement among council members about suitable sites. Each year, sites are lent to the council by busi-



Last year the council began selling cards in London on October 8 and between then and December 7 did £79,000 worth of business. This year it began on October 14 and between then and December 7 did E60,430worth of business.

Rude, nasty

The Bear Gardens Museum in Southwark has a Christmas show appropriate to its antecedents if not to the good will of the season. A Very Rude and Nasty Pleasure takes its title from Pepys and is an exhibition devoted to the history of fighting dogs, and of bull and bear baiting—ferocious sports for which the Southwark Bear Garden was popular centre from Tudor

Counties Staffordshire Bull T rier Society, and dead dogs several ugly and pugnacio breeds play a prominent part it. There is also a stuffed be which looks as if it had be baited with mothballs.

A tribute to the British by dog, Canis Pugnax, says threed is magnificent, ancie rare, much maligned and mu misunderstood. "The bold and most resolute of animals." there is nothing a good bulld will not attack . . with matiless courage he will give up of with life itself ". Sadly su with life itself." Sadly susterling British qualities are a for export: "This noble decomes degenerate abroad."

Sporting

When is a festival an arts fer val? Local authorities have (ferent ideas on the subje according to today's Arts Con the arts and museums.
"Despite reluctantly exching primarily stomach-orient

teasts, it may be that some the figures listed include mor spent on oxen (for roastit and pigs (for bowling for) a other ingredients in the gast nomic arts," says the rept Contributions to Christn street lighting were omit Contributions to the Engl Folk Dance and Song Sociare included, although, by so quirk in our cultural historials body is grant-aided by 1 Sports Council, not the A

I am sorry that I diagnos Lard Olivier's illness wron, pesterday. He is suffering ! from muscular inflation from muscular inflammation though I expect that, like 1 rest of us, he is suffering in inflation also. Get well soo

Raymond Fletcher's weel-The show was arranged in co-column will appear on this puoperation with the Southern tomorrow.



In Granada Television's Disappearing World series, the people speak for themselves. Sub-titles explain the meaning of what the men and women of the tribal societies are saying, but viewers have the pleasure of hearing the way they say it. A simple technique. but one which shows that the human voice can be as important as words in communicating

Here is what some of the critics have said:

'Granada's Disappearing World is going a long way towards rehabilitating the image of "savages", partly because of the quality of anthropological reports on the lines of The Massi, and partly because the simple expedient of using sub-titles gives us direct access to the timbre of their language'. Sunday Times (Peter Lennon)

... the excellent Disappearing World has by now led us to expect the bonus of talk, with sub-titles'. The Observer (Clive James)

"... I can't remember seeing a documentary that got so well beyond the superficial to reveal the living sinews of a fascinating way of life'. Daily Express (James Murray) 'This was an unusually clear and vivid picture of life in a tribal society based on

intimate knowledge'. Daily Telegraph (Sylvia Clayton) 'Shutting your eyes, you can still see flying bodies, naked but for the shine of oil or the pattern of paint. Women laughing over their shoulders, children collapsing with giggles, families talking together in their hammocks in the evening while the clouds turned puffed and pearly ... Games, games. Regardless of their doom the little victims play. Though, it seems, the men at least know that a highway is to be driven within a mile of their village in a year or two, and when it comes they are finished. All Granada can

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do and is doing is to preserve them in amber'. The Guardian (Nancy Banks-Smith)

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HE NEVER GOES

the selection of the leader of the Conservative Party are important for the future but they are not very likely to produce a result different from the one that might have been expected under the old procedure. On the first ballot the leading candidate will have to receive both an overall majority and 15 per cent more of the votes of those entitled to vote than any other candidate, if he is to be elected. Under the old procedure he had to receive an overall majority and a 15 per cent margin, not from those entitled to vote but from those

actually voting.

The real significance of this is that it gives more weight to abstention. If all Conservative Members of Parliament actually cast their vote, then there is no difference between those entitled to vote and those voting. If on the other hand some Conservative Members abstain in protest igainst the present leadership without preferring the alternative on offer, they will make it difficult for anyone to be elected on he first ballot. On the second nallot the leading candidate only najority of those entitled to ote, and on the third ballot he las to receive an overall majority, ncluding those second preferinces which are transferred to im under the alternative voting system. Abstention is not allowed

in the third ballot. This system of voting means hat the procedure becomes easier is each ballot is held. If a candilate is in a dominant position in he beginning there is no reason or his vote to be eroded, and he lmost certainly only has to wait or the second or third ballot to e sure of winning. The signifi-ance of the later ballots depends herefore on the first ballot pro-

The changes in the procedure for ducing no conclusive result. Thus all the advance leaks that the new system would be very prejudicial to Mr Heath turn out not to be true. It will be a little barder for him to win on the first or even the second ballot but that is about all there is to it.

What has happened since the election has undoubtedly strengthened Mr Heath's position, Immediately after the election it was very difficult to find Conser-vative Members of Parliament who did not think that Mr Heath would have to go. Now there is an increasingly strong expecta-tion that he will in fact beat any candidate likely to stand against him. The Conservative Members of Parliament are not as volatile as this suggests. They still have very serious reservations about Heath as a leader. They admire his force of character and his courage, but they do not think that he is an election winner and they do not believe that he pays sufficient attention to parliamentary opinion. They also argue that the absence of an alternative leader is in itself a condemnation of nine years of Mr Heath's leadership. It has not

built a strong enough team-Nevertheless the other possible leaders have been going down like ninepins; Mr du Cann, who bad some real support though probably not enough, has ruled himself out repeatedly because of his chairmanship of the 1922 Committee, and did so finally and convincingly last night. Mrs Thatcher will probably stand, but the Conservative Party does not seem to want a woman leader and has taken a minor gaffe about the tins in her larder as an excuse for crossing her off the list. Sir Keith Joseph has made worse gaffes than Mrs Thatcher and has crossed his name off as completely as Mr du Cann. Mr Whitelaw will not

stand against Mr Heath and Mr Prior will not stand against Mr Whitelaw, Lord Carrington is in the House of Lords and Sir Christopher Soames is in Brussels. At the moment the spectacle of Mr Heath's potential rivals is like that of the English cricket team in Australia. All the best people are either in the wrong country, have retired hurt or have got themselves out by

indergarten strokes. This may well change. It has changed completely in the last two months and could change equally radically in the next two. There is nevertheless something satisfying to the sense of humour about what seems to be happening. After all the fret and fume, difficult but determined man reemerges out of the fog like some grey rock emerging out of the Atlantic mist. Mr Heath is not like the radio character who said "I go, I come back". He never goes.

It is an impressive political achievement for Mr Heath even to have got this far. It will be an even more impressive achievement if he actually survives. He will not only have confounded his enemies; he will also have confounded his friends. If he does survive he will need to learn from the experience, and the danger is that he will learn the wrong lesson. The right lesson is that he should listen more to diverse opinion and that he should pay attention to the often wellgrounded opinions of men with very different minds from his own. The wrong lesson, though it is not wholly untruthful, is that in political life the strongest will prevails. Even President de Gaulle, whose will was heroic, lost his last referendum. Mr Heath is now exposed to meeting the demands of annual

THE PRESIDENTS AGREE

'he agreement reached in Marnique between Presidents Ford nd Giscard d'Estaing is good ews for a world which badly eeds it. One of the most depresng aspects of the West's reaction the energy crisis during the ast year has been the constant ickering between France and ne United States, with France's uropean partners swaying unertainly between them.

Each side had some legitimate riticisms to make of the other. he French rightly pointed out hat the acrimony detween oil moducers and oil consumers was partly caused by America's unconlitional and uncritical support of Israel from 1967 onwards, and vas exacerbated by clumsy american attempts to dragoon the Nestern nations into an anti-Arab or anti-oil-producer front, vith scarcely veiled threats to eize the oil by force if it was not nade available on Western terms. The Americans rightly replied hat France made nothing easier y systematically rejecting all ittempts to pool energy resources or coordinate the consumer esponse to OPEC, especially ince the producers tended to see rance's attitude as confirming heir most paranoid suspicions thout American intentions.

Yet in fact, as the two Presilents have now at last noted, their views on these matters ire complementary". The conumers need both to coordinate heir policies with each other md to seek an amicable undertanding with the producers. They cannot negotiate effectively with the consumers without first eaching some understanding mong themselves. But nor can hey draw up a complete energy policy on their own without scertaining the producers' riews. The two processes have

Accident compensation

From Mr Paul Sieghart Sir, The pressures on your space we too great for me to indulge the temptation of answering in detail all the points made, since my last letter, by Mr Ogden, Mr Kidwell, and Pro-lessors Atirah and Bartsch. Besides, it is probably premature to start a full debate before we know what Lord Pearson's Royal Commission will recommend. But there are a few points which must be put right, bowever summarily.

First, Justice has never sugges-

ted that innocent victims should get less than they do now. Nor is it true that a "no fault" system must cost more unless they do. Under the new American systems, no one gets less than before, every one gets quite a lot regardless of fault (typically 85 per cent of lost earnings), and premiums have still gone down. People are still allowed to sue, but most of them no longer bother because they are adequately compensated without going to law. That may be a loss to the lawyers, but it is a gain to everyone else

Second, many victims are better off in New Zealand than they would be here. Here, if they can prove "fault", they can eventually get a lump sum which is often too small, which inflation erodes and whose which inflation erodes, and whose income is taxed at "investment income" rates. There, they get indexed weekly payments for as long as they are in fact-and not just expected to be disabled. In addition, they can get up to £6,000 for non-economic loss.

Third, the reforms proposed by Messrs. Ogien (November 22) and Kidwell (November 28) would still leave many injustices untouched. Because of their insistence on distinguishing "guilt" from "inno-cence", fault would still have to be investigated whenever the defendant blaned the plaintiff. We know

to be dovetailed into each other, and the timetable worked out in Martinique consultation among consumers, preparatory conference with producers (in March, 1975 if all goes well), further "intensive consultations" among consumers, and finally the full consumer-producer conference-

seems as reasonable as any. President Giscard d'Estaing originally proposed the consumer-producer conference on October 23, he envisaged it as a triangular conference consumer countries would take the separately from industriclized (OECD) countries. This was a generous and imaginative suggestion, which unfortunately was not followed up in Martinique. Perhaps it is thought that the Third World countries can get better terms for themselves in a separate forum dominated by Afro-Asian solidarity. But no way has yet been found of creating a separate oil market, for them. Their interests are bound to be affected by whatever is decided in a consumer-producer conference. and it would be better if they appeared there in their own

right. The Franco American compromise will of course only work if both sides respect its spirit as well as its letter. It is not in itself a solution to the nany disagreements on points of detail which have arisen or will arise in the future, and which tould easily reopen the splir if ither side reverts to the bad olt habits of polemic and proces dintention. To give just one example, it makes no clear choice between the rival schemes for recycling oil-producer capital put orward by Dr Kissinger and Mr Yealey. The reference to "new pechan-

that this takes far too long costs

that this takes far too long costs far too much (at least 40 pe cent of total premiums, on the ber estimates), and is far too chanc. No one benefits from it, except perhaps the legal profession. Manywho are wholly "innocent" would remain uncompensated because hey could find no one also to blame or

could find no one else to blame eg, the motorcyclist who skids on an invisible patch of black ice.

Envy is no warrant for the proet-uation of injustice. Rather it us compensate the neighbour, to as soon as we feel that we can elec-

Professor Atiyah (Decembe 7)

feels that Justice's proposals donot go far enough. I agree, but sice we cannot reform everything at once, it is wrong to allow the present injustices to road regions.

injustices to road victims (which re

tees now also favour reform. I hoe that both of them will therefor

support Justice's request that the

Pearson Commission should ma

interim recommendations about th

part of its field of inquiry. Only

then can Parliament ensure that we shall have no more cases such as

the recent ones which have given

Justice Committee on Compensation

rise to this correspondence.

PAUL SIEGHART, Chairman,

for Disablement, 6 Gray's Inn Square, WC1.

Yours, etc.

December 12.

ne worst) to continue until we have It is good to know that both ir Ogden's and Mr Kidwell's Comit-

tively afford it.

Nor can it be right to punish with

isms of financial solidarity" in the context of the industrialized nations is apparently an endorsement of Dr Kissinger's proposals, while the phrase "closer financial cooperation within the Inter-national Monetary Fund" may refer to Mr Healey's, which have the undoubted advantage of being looked on with greater favour by the oil producers themselves.

As for the American recognition "that it would be appropriate for any government which wished to do so to adopt current market prices as the basis of valuation for its gold holdings" this is little more than an endorsement of recent European practice.

President Ford's advisers are quoted as hoping that France had been "brought back on board" the Western alliance by the Martinique meeting. The phrase is perhaps unfortunate because it could easily be misunderstood in France. No one should suppose that France is about to rejoin the military organization of Nato or to reverse any of the main lines of her foreign policy. The change of emphasis and of tone is none the less very marked. It seems clear that France will no longer maximize differences with her allies for the sake of it, as too often hap-pened in General de Gaulle's day, and more recently in M Jobert's. This was what many Francophiles abroad had hoped for when President Giscard d'Estaing was elected, and perhaps also what many Gaullists at home feared. That Martinique should coincide with a crisis in the Gaullist Party in Paris is perhaps not entirely fortuitous. In their different ways, President Giscard d'Estaing and his prime minister have shown that they are not afraid of the Gaullist old guard.

Energy saving From Dr K. S. Hall

Sir, In advocating a higher tax on larger cars (December 10), you over-look a rather obvious fact—the quantity of petrol used by a car depends not only on the size of its engine but also on the distance for which it is driven. I have a large car (3 litres) but unlike many owners of smaller cars, I seldom use it for Nor can it be right to punish with a fine of tens of thousands of pounds the family of a young driver tho has been paralysed for life because for one fateful split second he looked to his left when he "shoul" have looked to his right. It is no answer to say that he shoul lot be compensated because his eighbour who has been paralysed by sickness would resent it if he were. personal transport. For that I use a bicycle, covering 3,000-4,000 miles

The way to reduce the consumption of petrol is to relate the cost of motoring more closely to the quan-tity of petrol used. The Government has taken a sensible course. An even more sensible course would be to abolish road tax altogether (or, if as I suppose is the case, registration is considered necessary on other grounds, reduce it to a nominal figure) and recover the lost revenue by a further increase in the tax on

Yours faithfully, K. S. HALL, The Limes, 23 Bromley Grove, Shortlands, Bromley, Kent.

Buses in convoy

From Mr J. B. Turner Sir. Notwithstanding the implied criticism of Mr Leon Kreitzman, the fact of the matter is that, since London Transport adopted the convoy system, not a bus has been lost. I. B. TURNER,

Kingsdown Road, Teignmouth, evon. cember 12.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Britain and the Middle East: political advertisements

From Miss Daphnee Slee Sir, The Jews are a proud and honourable people and I would like to ask them for an act of justice— namely, that they should stop attributing base motives to us who sup-port the Arabs. We support them because we believe that their cause is just; and it takes a little courage to do it—we have to steel ourselves against the abuse that will follow if a letter is published.

We are not "giving in to Arab oil blackmail"—the Council for the Advancement of Arab-British Understanding (for example) was in being some six years before the oil producers (by no means all of whom are Arabs) put their prices up. We are not "anti-semitic"—it would be odd, if we were, considering that the Arabs are probably purer "Semites" than the Jews—but we believe that telling lies against Jews believe that telling lies against Jews is not the only form of racialist sin, it is just as wicked to tell lies

against Arabs. against Araos.

I would remind your readers that
Israel became a "sovereign member of the United Nations" on the
explicit condition that the wrong done to the Palestinian exiles was righted; instead it has been aggravated to the point where every Palestinian is living either in exile or under alien rule. If the Palestinians are now so desperate that only a terrorist will do as their representative, the fault lies not with those who have tried to help them but with those who made them desper-ate. It is time that they stopped talking about "Arab oil blackmail" and "anti-semitism" and faced their own consciences.

Yours faithfully, DAPHNE E. SLEE, Osmington, Weymouth, Dorset. December 13.

From Rabbi Sidney Brichto

Sir, Your leader "The Freedom of Debate" (December 14) gives suffi-cient proof of the desire of The Times to be fair to both sides in the Arab-Israel conflict, but it also indi-cates the basis of the misunderstanding which has arisen between your respected newspaper and the Jewish community.

I once again ask for space in your correspondence columns in the hope that I can remove this misunderstanding by explaining the sensitivity of the Jewish community when Zionism is attacked.

The fact is that while no Jew would wish to deny anyone the right to criticize Israel, it has become suspicious of attacks on Zionism.
This is due to several factors. First, since the Holocaust, anti-semitism has become quite unfashionable in Western society as no decent person will admit to such feelings, even though it would be naive to think that they have ceased to exist. The Jewish community has reason to believe that anti-semitism rears its head again under the banner of anti-Zionism. Russian and Arab propaganda literature against the Zionists substantiates this belief.

Secondly, while Jews were divided about Zionist ideology before the birth of the Jewish state in 1948, many sincerely arguing against the need for a sovereign Jewish state, the Nazi holocaust, the establishment of Israel and the wars it had to fight to maintain its existence has made all self-respecting Jews into Zionists i.e. dedicated to the survival of the

state of Israel For this reason Zionist fund raising is no more than Jewish fund raising and I would suggest that although much money is given by non-Israeli Jews to Israel for the sole purpose of absorbing their persecuted brothers and sisters from Soviet Russia and Arab countries, they do not make as much financial sacrifice as do the native born Israelis who

do without homes and other necessities so that the newcomer from Russia should not be disappointed when he reaches his Promised Land. I would also point out that Jews feel no less obligated to help settle their persecuted co-religionists in any country which would receive them It is the miracle of modern Jewish history that after two thousand years there is now a country which would never close its doors to them—the state of Israel.

The Jewish people has fought har & and has sacrificed much blood to make this dream—this haven of refuge—into a reality. Therefore, while Jews will accept criticism of Israeli policies and indeed join in such criticism themselves, non-Jews chould not be curried when any should not be surprised when an attack on the right of non-Israeli Jews and non-Jews to support Israel's umanitarian efforts is seen as nothing but an expression of anti-

semitism. Yours faithfully, SIDNEY BRICHTO, Chairman, The Council of Reform and Liberal Rabbis, The Montagu Centre, 109 Whitfield Street, W1.

From Mr Michael Tatham

Sir, Some years ago I was very disany reason-The Times refused to accept an advertisement for free car stickers designed to promote racial harmony in this country, and that un-fortunate experience makes me feel that it is the more important in the present instance to say that I believe you were entirely correct to accept the material which was recently in-

serted to promote the Arab cause.
The issues at stake are clearly national rather than racial and] hope it remains possible to deplore every form of racialism while re-maining critical of the national policies of any government no mat-ter whether African or Israeli. I am only sorry that you appear to have yielded to pressure in refusing a further insertion of the same advertisement Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL TATHAM, Clod Hall, Odell, Bedford.

From Mr John Reddaway Sir, Annoyance at the anti-Zionist advertisement which you published on December 11 has betrayed Sir Michael Hadow, the Director of the Anglo-Israel Association, into making a statement in his letter December 14 which is untrue and which I feel sure he will, on reflection, wish to withdraw. The correct facts have been pointed out to him previously, together with Israeli and Jewish sources confirming these

He says that 750,000 Jews were driven out of Arab lands and stripped of all their possessions. The truth is that most of these Oriental Jews migrated to Israel of their own accord or in response to intense pressure by Zionist recruiting agents (whose methods included the placing of bombs in a synagogue and other places frequented by Jews in Baghdad). Most of them came to Israel not in the immediate aftermath of the fighting in 1948 but long after during the middle and late 1950s when Israel was seeking new Jewish settlers to consolidate its hold on the lands depopulated by the exodus of Arab refugees. Only a minority (probably less than 200,000) can claim with any plausibility that they went to Israel as refugees or were "driven out" of the countries of their birth; and of these no one really knows how many were in fact forcibly expelled and how many simply chose to leave. And regrettable though it was that

some Arabs in some Arab countries used force against their Jewish countrymen, this would never have happened if it had not been for the forcible seizure of Palestine by the Zionists from its Arab inhabi-

the Zionists from its Arab innaoliants.
On the substance of the advertisement, perhaps the "philanthropists" in this country whose contributions have helped to finance the construction of the fortress-like apartment blocks with which the Israelis have surrounded Arab Jerusalem would answer this question: Did they or did they not realize that, by their action, they were helping Israel to colonize Arab lands, to dispossess Arab owners, to swamp the Arab population with Jewish settlers and to defy Security Council resolutions regarding the requirements for a just and lasting peace?

Yours faithfully, JOHN REDDAWAY, 19 Woodsyre, Sydenham Hill, SE26. December 16.

From Mr Arnold Wesker Sir, I do not understand Mr Hetherington's letter in today's Times (December 16).

The "Middle Eastern advertise-

ment was rejected by us (The Guardian) because we felt that it could encourage racial hatred". But "we believe The Times to be entirely right in saying that the Board of Deputies of British Jews is making a mistake in reporting you to the Attorney General. In so doing the board is seeking to deny to others a freedom to advertise their case which it has recently exercised itself ".

The Guardian, in turning down the advertisement for fear it "could encourage racial hatred" was not denying "to others a freedom to advertise their case", but the Board Deputies, reporting its fear that the advertisement "could encourage racial hatred" was denying "to others a freedom?? Yours faithfully. ARNOLD WESKER, 27 Bishops Road, N6.

December 16. From Miss Subil Baroudy Sir, When is racialism respectable? A number of your readers have detected racialism in the anti-Zionist advertisement you published on December 11. I wonder what they

would make of remarks made on the same day by Lord Janner in the course of a debate on the Middle East in the House of Lords. He declared that the leaders of the Palestinian people "defiled the United Nations General Assembly", and "intend to do what, horrifically, Hitler did, but perhaps in a different way"; that their "predecessors were in Germany helping to arrange to kill six million people"; and that they were "the instrument of the Devil" (see Hansard cols 712 and 713).

Perhaps your readers can understand the dispust which Arab, felt as I sat in the Chamber of the House of Lords last Wednesday and listened to these remarks. Yours faithfully, SYBIL BAROUDY.

9 Bulstrode Street, W1. December 16.

From Mr Desmond Duncombe Sir, To a Jamaican the Middle Eastern controversy and the battle over advertisements seems to have come out of Gulliver's Travels. Peace? If the foreign Zionists did not pump Slavs from Eastern Europe into West Asia there would be peace there. Yours truly.

DESMOND DUNCOMBE, 92 Landor Road, SW9.

Farm worker's lot

From Mr I. M. Rampton Sir, When I read Mr Bottini's letters the press written from his union address in London I sometimes wonder how much contact he has

with the modern farm worker. Virtually every farm worker is now a certified craftsman of one sort or another and since this gives him another £4.£5 a week his basic wage next year will not be £27 but £32. Most livestock farm workers get paid a substantial bonus at the end of the year, as do arable workers during the busy times such as spring and harvest for the various jobs they do. The farm worker also now receives three weeks holiday with

Above all it should be remem bered with the shortening of the farm working week to 40 hours overtime now begins at 4.00-4.30 and from this time onwards the farm worker is paid "time and a half". Since the farm worker has virtually no travelling time and usually walks to his work it is no great hardship to him to sit on a tractor for an extra 13-2 hours a day; there is little arduous physical work on the mechanised farm of

Next year the average wage on this and other farms will be about

of this figure last year. maligned tied cottage. The open market value of most of these cottages is now in the region of £6,000-£8,000 and in some cases and in some districts a good deal higher. If we take interest charges, the ever

£2,000 a year. It was not far short

rising cost of rates, insurance premiums and repairs the farmer must be subsidising the housing of the farm worker to the extent of another £10 a week. This accommodation is, of course, tax free.
All this in inflationary times may not be riches but it does indicate

that the farm worker is in practice a lot better off than Mr Bottimi claims and could be a very great deal better off if he could persuade his fellow trade unionists, most of whom are urban consumers, to pay a realistic price for home produced The English housewife, and prob-

ably the only housewife left in the world, still expects to have a pint of fresh milk to be delivered on her doorstep every day-for 51pa third of the cost of a pint of a mass-produced beer of negligible alcoholic content! M. RAMPTON,

Easton Lodge, Easton, Nr Norwich

Prisoners in S Africa From the Bishop of Stepney

Sir, Bernard Levin's moving and persuasive article on South Africa's persuasive arricle on South Arrica's political prisoners (December 12) is as timely as it is unanswerable. It is known that Mr Vorster played a significant part in securing the Rhodesian détente as a result of which all political prisoners in that country, have been released. country have been released.

Yet in South Africa the appalling cruelty and misery of Robben Island and its total denial of human compassion to those even in mortal sickness, like my friend Bram continues. Fischer.

In addition to this, under Section Six of the Terrorism Act, at least 30 persons have been arrested and are presently held in prison for organizing a rally in support of Frelimo and the liberation of Mozambique. The rally in fact did not take place. But since September these people have been held under an Act which authorizes indefinite incomunicado detention and which usually involves interrogation in conditions of solitary confinement without access to books, papers, relatives, friends, lawyers or

doctors. The police are answerable to none but themselves. Unlike Mr Levin I am not appealing to Mr Vorsier. I am appealing to our own Government which at the United Nations this year used its veto in the Security Council and its vote in the General Assembly to sustain South Africa's continued membership of UNO.

I fully understand and respect the motive behind our actions: namely that it would make it easier for us to press for positive change on the part of South Africa if she continued to be susceptible to international pressure within the Organization. But, as Mr Levin has pointed out, the most immediate and urgent change open to Mr Vorster is that which Mr Smith has already accepted: the release of prisoners whose only crime is opposition to tyranny.

Can we have an immediate assurance from our own Government that it is doing its utmost, in the name of common humanity, to this end? Yours faithfully, TREVOR HUDDLESTON, CR,

400 Commercial Road, E1.

December 12

City and British Levland From Mr A. D. Brand

Sir, Mr Marsh (December 12) for-gets that the City like the Government, has no money of its own, only other people's. I have long since given up any hope that my tax con-tribution will be spent or invested wisely, but heaven help me if my pension fund manager or investment manager of the insurance company with whom I have a life assurance behaves in the same way.

A. D. BRAND, Glynde Combe, Glvude, Sussex. December 12.

National Insurance rate for self-employed

From Mr George Cunningham, Labour MP for Islington South and Finsbury

Sir, "Unjust, harsh and divisive", "beyond reason", "shabby imposition", "morally offensive"—these are among the words used by George Hutchinson (article, December 14) to describe the increase in National Insurance contributions. Insurance contributions by the self-The core of this dispute is—should the self-employed pay the full cost of the pensions and other benefits

they receive or should they be subsidized by employees and their em-ployers? The fact that is not dispu-ted by either side in the House of Commons is that the self-employed are subsidized by other contributors. This is a serious question and there are points to be made on both sides. The only approach to the matter which calls for unqualified condem-nation is to indulge in exaggerated abuse without making any effort to state, or even acknowledge the existence of, rational arguments on the other side. Elsewhere in the same article Mr Hutchinson talks of "a lack of inspiring guidance and direction" as one of the current failings in our society. This lack is shown as much by the press as by politicians, never more so than where superficial abuse takes the column inches that could be used for well-informed, rational analysis of a complex issue. Yours faithfully,

GEORGE CUNNINGHAM. House of Commons, December 14.

Hospital service at holiday periods

From Mr J. M. Davies

Sir, The creation of New Year's Day as a public holiday may, or may not, have been a good thang for industry but it introduces serious inefficiency into the hospital service. Hospitals are always short-staffed for most of the Christmas week and a backlog of all types of work rapidly accumulates during this holiday period.

Furthermore the lull, caused by patients having deferred admission or clinic attendances in the pre-

or clinic artendances in the pre-Christmas period, is suddenly trans-formed into a post-Christmas rush. At this very time of increased work load we now find that the hospital will be closed for all except emer-

gency work on January 1.

As a practising surgeon, I find that the holiday period this year will waste three outpatients sessions and that 120 patients will have their and that 120 patients will have their appointments postponed and will overload my outpatients clinic for the remainder of January. This will inevitably lead to delay, overcrowding and loss of efficiency.

If these extra public holidays really are necessary (and with the present national cricis they seem the height of stupidity) then let them he added on to the individual's

them be added on to the individual's annual leave so that they can be staggered and thus save severe dislocation of the hospital service. fours faithfully,

J. M. DAVIS, Consultant Surgeon. Whittington Hospital. St Mary's Wing. Highgate Hill, N19.

Fair play at auctions From Sir Edward Ford

Sir, What is Geraudus (The Times, December 12) complaining of? The Normanton Parmigianino was auctioned like any other object at one of Messrs Christie's sales and was "bought in" by the vendor, who immediately afterwards sold it to the National Gallery, which had not bid. What wrong has been done and to whom? Many of us have had the experience of seeing an object in which we are interested bought in for £x at auction and have approached the auctioneers afterwards to see if the vendor would be

willing to sell it for £x plus. Is a national museum or gallery to be inhibited from doing the same? What "ground rules" are being broken by this procedure, and how are other bidders or collectors injured thereby? There was nothing to prevent them bidding at the sale if they wished. And why should the gallery or the firm of auctioneers give details of what became in effect

sale by private treaty?
One of the results of an auction is to determine the monetary value of an object at a particular time. Unless an object is exposed to the procedure of the sale-room its value is often hard to assess. The system of "reserves" enables a vendor to prevent it being sold at receive for it. It does not stop a

purchaser from acquiring it, if he is prepared to pay more.

Paintings and other works of art are frequently bought by pur-chasers whose sole object is to resell them at a considerable profit.

Museums and galleries are usually
prevented from bidding by lack of funds, since it is only when a firm price is known that they are able to apply to the Treasury for a Govern-ment grant, and then only if they

have sought and obtained support

from grant-making bodies and individuals. Nobody knows better than the curators of our great galleries how much time they must spend in beg-ging for such grants—time which could be so much more usefully employed in administering their museums. If only the Government was prepared to make available to (say) the National Art-Collections Fund a sum for the purchase of objects of national or local imporobjects of national or local impor-tance comparable to that which it puts at the disposal of the Arts Council for the living arts, the pro-cess of enriching the national heri-tage of works of art would be greatly simplified. Yours faithfully,

EDWARD FORD, Fielden House, Little College Street, SW1.

Remarriage of divorcees From Mrs B. Horswill

Sir, Today I see that you have printed yet a third letter advocating disobedience to the ruling body of the Church of England (December 12). Is it not just this defiance of the legally expressed will of the majority that is causing much of our current misery? The arguments for and against the re-marriage of divorces by Church of England rite have been argued and decided not once, but twice by the General Synod of the Church of England.

The wish of the majority is clear and the duty of all is to accept. No one, in this country, is denied a civil ceremony where a first mar-riage has failed but a Church of England marriage requires a unique and binding vow and the majority wish it so. Let it be. Yours faithfully, B. HORSWILL,

Penhale. New Barns Road, Arnside via Carnforth.

From Mrs Dorothea Jones

Ha lit et al

From Mrs Dorothea Jones
Sir, Having been offered a bouse
with half a ha of ground, a kilo
from the sea, potatoes by the kilo.
lard in 453 grm packs and vinegar
by the lit (priced in new pence);
and having been advised to take
5 ml of mixture after meals, that
I am 86 cm round the hips and that
the temperature won't rice shows the temperature won't rise above 6C, how refreshing it was to hear this morning on the radio from Australia that someone "has been has been in for 176 minutes". Minutes! A link with the past! I knew about minutes when I was a girl. So let's enjoy the time while we can understand it. before in the sacred name of progress we move into micro Yours faithfully. DOROTHEA JONES, 53 Kingsway, Petts Wood, Kent.

A child's guide to the season's entertainments

Young people who live in the London area can meet Old Masters this Christmas, learn how stars pulsate, work their way through the Bodybox or find out how a surgeon spends his day—all by courtesy of some of the great national institutions which let down their hair at this time

Both in and out of London there are all the usual Christmas shows and exhibitions. Details can be found in local papers but here is a selection :

Christmas shows

Cockpit Theatre: Humbug, adapted from A Christmas Carol, December 30-January 4; Sinbad, Paul Hansard's Puppets, December 26-28-both matinées only. Inter-Action: The Last Straw, with live animals and live musicians, an "environmental barnyard entertainment"; Boxing Dey until January 5, Almost Free Theatre —matinées.

Jack and the Beanstalk, Unicorn Theatre for Young People, until January 19-

Dr Who and the Daleks. Adelphi Theatre, from December 16, daily at 3 and 7.30. Give a Dog a Bone, Westminster Theatre, daily 2.30, Friday 7.30, Saturday 6.30.

Sooty's Christmas Show, Mayfair Theatre, December 16-January 4—matinees. Toad of Toad Hall, Haymarket Theatre, December 23 to January 18-matinées. Winnie-the-Pooh, Phoenix Theatre, Decem-

Wonderful Wombles, Shaftesbury Theatre. December 16-January 18-matinées. Peter Pan, London Coliseum, December 18-January 8—matinées and evenings.
National Film Theatre, Junior NFT:
December 21, Dougal and the Blue Cat;
December 28, The Court Jester; January
4, Louisiana Story—all matinées.

ber 14-January 11-mannées.

Lectures, exhibitions

National Gallery: School's Out!; meet the Old Masters; new out of school activities for eight to 14-year-olds, from December 12 to January 17; three times daily Tuesday to Saturday, twice on Sunday. British Museum: Talks, films and activities, December 27 to January 4, 10.30 and 2 daily for 10-15-year-olds; eskimoes and aborigines are among subjects at the Museum of Mankind, 10.30 and 2.

Matters medical: Royal College of Surgeons holiday lectures. The Romance of Surgery—Cutting for the Stone, December 20; Cell-Watching or Indoor Ornitals.

ithology, December 23; A Surgeon's Day, December 31—all at 3 (tea served at 4). Royal College of Physicians: Men of the Arabian Desert, December 19; Sport, Physical Activity and Health (Dr. Roger Bannister), January 2, both at 3 (also with tea). Royal Society of Medicine: The Making of a Mental Hospital, December 30; X-rays in Man, Beast and Mummy, December 31; Organ Grafting (Professor Roy Calne), January 2, all at 2.30, tea Institution of Structural Engineers: What Ever Happened to the Motor Car?, Janu-

London Museum, holiday lecture, The Sleeping Beauty. Victorian pantomime (children over seven), December 31, Jan-(children over seven), December 31, January 2 and 3, at 2.30.
Institution of Civil Engineers: Foundations for the World's Longest Span-Humber Bridge, December 31; Discovery and Development of North Sea Oil, January 2, both at 2.30; films on January 3 at 2.30.

Royal Society of Arts: The Trumpet Through the Ages (Philip Jones), Decem-

Babes in the Wood, Ashcroft, Croydon, ber 20, 2.30; The World of Percussion December 20-January 25. (James Blades), December 30, 2.30 (both

followed by tea). Victoria and Albert Museum, Bodybox, children's exhibition and workshop, until January 26, usual hours. Institute of Contemporary Arts: Abraka-

dabra, live clowns, hand puppers, etc. December 28 at 11.30, December 30 and 31 at 3. Entry 25p.
Tate Gallery: Top Ten, famous paintings,
December 31; Age of Pop, January 2; both at 2.

Science Museum: Pulsating and Exploding Stars, December 28, 30 and 31. Horniman Museum, Forest Hill: Growing up in the Sun, Northern Nigerian life, toys and games, December 27, at 3 (eight

to 13 year olds). Tickets are available for many of the lectures and exhibitions, for some you just walk in; inquire from the secretaries, numbers and addresses in telephone dir-

Out of London

Glasgow's events include a pantomime with a local title, Mother McGlasgow, now on, and Jack and the Beanstalk at the Citizens'. Not forgetting Robinson

the Citizens'. Not forgetting Robinson Crusoe at the King's.
Manchester's fare is mainly pantomimes and shows, and Liverpool's Everyman Theatre is running The Cantril Tales for secondary schools from Boxing Day. Vanload, the touring company, is doing a show called Sweetie Pie for secondary schools, free, and teachers should contact them for dates. Liverpool's International Library, next to the Walker Art Gallery, has Chosen for Children, an exhibition of very old comics (no, not the live variety), daing from 1600. This lasts until December 28.

Kenneth Gosling

Katie Stewart Meals between meals for Christmas



ing bowl of minestrone soup, or hot bacon sandwiches with a salad are the kind of foods that will be most appreciated. Plan suppers that are quick to prepare and easy to serve.

Make a dish of eggs as the Swiss do. Spread 202 butter thickly over the bottom and sides of a wide shallow casserole or fireproof gratin dish. Cover the butter with very thin slices of cheese and on top crack six eggs. Season with salt and pepper, then pour over 1 pint single cream and finally sprinkle with 20z grated cheese. Bake for 10 minutes in a quick oven (400 deg F or gas no 6) to cook the eggs and then give the dish half a minute under a hot grill to crisp the top. In individual gratin dishes you can make this for one or two—allow about 1-2 tablespoons cream per egg. Serve from the dish with hot buttered toast.

You can put your frying pan to work and make scrambled egg for everyone. It is more sensible to use a frying pan when making a larger amount. To make scrambled egg really appetizing use a gentle heat and do not stir all the time so that the mixture is broken up. Wait until the mixture begins to set at the bottom and sides of the pan and then draw the spoon through the mixture gently, so it piles up in soft creamy mounds. Prepare a basic recipe using 8 eggs, which is sufficient for 4 servings, along with 4 pint creamy milk, 1 level teaspoon salt and some freshly

mixture, but go easy on the salt for seasoning. Or you might like to spice up the egg mixture with the addition of mustard and

Devilled scrambled egg Serves 4

8 large eggs

pint single cream 1 level teaspoon salt;

freshly milled pepper; l level teaspoon dry mustard;

teaspoon Worcestershire

13-2 oz butter Crack the eggs into a mixing basin, add the cream, salt, a seasoning of pepper, the mustard and Worcestershire sauce. Whisk ingredients together and

strain. Heat the butter it a frying pan and pour in the egg mix-ture. Cook over gentle heat and as the mixture begins to set draw the thickened egg up in soft mounds with a spoon, allow-ing the uncooked mixture to run against the hot pan base.
Draw off the hear while the
egg is still moist and serve with
fried mushrooms or stilled bacon rolls.

A plain omeletté can hé made much more intelesting if you give it a filling of fried leeks and bacon. For four servings you need about Alb leeks which should be trimmed, washed and shredded and Alb lean bacon rashers finely chopped. Add these to 20z batter melted in a frying pan and season with salt and pepper. Stir and then cover with a lid. Cook over gentle heat for about 15-20 minutes by which time the bacon will be

which time the backs will be cooked and the leeks tender. Spoon a little into the centre of each omeletie as you prepare it and before folding it over.

An opps omelette with a savoury repring is the answer for two cryings. This one with for two ervings. This one with cheese comato and herbs tastes good and looks colourful. Serve it with crusty bread and a salad.

Pizza/omelette Serges 2

oz butter

4 løge eggs;

sal and freshly milled pepper; 1/ablespoon cold water;

oz butter for frying or the topping

medium onion

teaspoons tomato purée.

pinch mixed herbs 3-4 bacon rashers

2 oz grated cheese Crack the eggs into a basin, add the seasoning and water. Mix with a fork and set aside

while preparing the topping. Melt the butter for the top-ping in a saucepan. Add the chopped onion, cover and cook gently for 4-5 minutes, or until the onion is tender. Add the tomato purée and mixed herbs.

cook for a moment more and then draw off the heat. Trim and chop the bacon rashers. Fry in a dry pan until the fat runs and the bacon is cooked. Drain and reserve.

Place the butter for frying in an 8-9 inch heavy frying pan. When melted and bubbling pour in all the omelette mixture. Stir for a moment using the back of a fork and draw the omelette mixture in towards the centre of the pan so that the liquid egg runs underneath. When set underneath but still moist on top, draw the pan off

Spoon over the tomato and onion mixture. Top with the bacon and sprinkle with the grated cheese. Place the omelette under a hot grill just long enough for the cheese to melt. Slide out of the pan onto a hot

In-between meals at Christmas a knife and fork can always be need not be substantial. A steam- relied on to revive even the most jaded appetites. Toast the bread for hot sandwiches on one side only. Lightly butter the un-toasted side and sandwich the slices together with the hot fil-ling inside and the toasted sides

outwards. Use grilled bacon rashers to make hot bacon sandwiches or sandwich a fried egg and bacon

between the toast slices. Hor a toasted cheese sandwich, cover the untoasted side on/one slice with cheese. Grill until melted and bubbling and then sandwich with the second since. Or better still combine Ham and cheese by placing a flice of ham on the untoasted side under the cheese before grilling. Then sandwich with the econd slice.

A club sandwich needs three slices of toast with the middle slice toasted both sides. Spread untoasted side of the bottom slice with butter, then top with slice with butter, then top with chicken or turkey, lettuce and mayonnaise. Cover with the middle slice of toast, then grilled bacon and sliced tomatoes and finally top with the remaining slice of toast, butter untoasted side inwards.

The classic combination of a hot vegetable with cold meatinstantly cheers up slices of instantly cheers up slices of honey roast ham, cold chicken or turkey. Potatoes are just right now for baking in their jackets. Choose large even sized ones, scrib them and, while still damp, roll them in kitchen salt. Salt brings out the flavour and keeps the skins deliciously crisp during cooking.

reaspoon salt and some freshly milled pepper. Serve scrambled egg on hot buttered toast, in crisp hot vol-au-vent cases, or cheese pastry cases.

Scrambled egg with anchovy added is very nice. Allow one anchovy fillet per egg, chop finely and add to the beaten egg mixture, but go easy on the salt for seasoning. Or you might like improvement on the left-over boiled potatoes so often used. boiled potatoes so often used. Blanched raw potato slices are just as quick to cook and rarely break up on frying.

To serve four you will need about 111b potatoes. Pare and then cut them into in thick slices. Blanch for five minutes only in boiling salted water, then drain. Fry them as you would normally, remembering that for crisp potatoes that are tender inside you should cook them over a fairly high heat. Use a mixture of butter for flavour and oil to ger a good colour without burning. Any onions to be mixed with the potames should be fried separately for they require gentle cooking. Proportions are not important, one or two onions peeled and sliced are usually adequate. Add the cooked onion to the man of proportions in to the pan of potatoes jus before serving and give the mixture a quick fry to hea everything through.

Savoury rice makes a marvel lous hot dish too, but the mix ture must be well spiced an with plenty of flavour. Tr Spanish rice which is a mixturincluding onion, tomatoes and erbs. Or make up a nacket o the curry flavoured ready-to cook rice to which you can adextra crunchiness with toaster flaked almonds.

At Christmas time especially good soups can be made with packet or condensed soups when you use turkey stock instead o water. Into a really large sauce. pan put the broken up carcas. of the bird and any bones fron the meat, any ham skin, bacoi rinds or giblets. Add a large carrot scrubbed and halved, 1sticks celery, a small bay lea and a few parsley stalks. Ad-cold water to cover and allow 1 level teaspoon of salt fo every 2 pints of water. Brin to the boil for 2 minutes only skim carefully and reduce the heat to a simmer. Leave to coofor 3-4 hours, then strain care fully and use.

Any home-made stock make just the right base for mine strone a soup which reall does need the flavour of a good broth. This is a substantial out ture—almost a vegetable sten If a lighter soup is required either increase the amount of stock, or use fewer vegetable: Minestrone

1 carrot Small piece turnip 1 medium potato

Serves 4-6

1-2 stalks celery 1 onion 1oz butter or 2 tablespoons oil

l clove garlic, optional 2-3 streaky bacon rashers 1! pints stock

2 large tomatoes small leek

cup shredded cabbage o

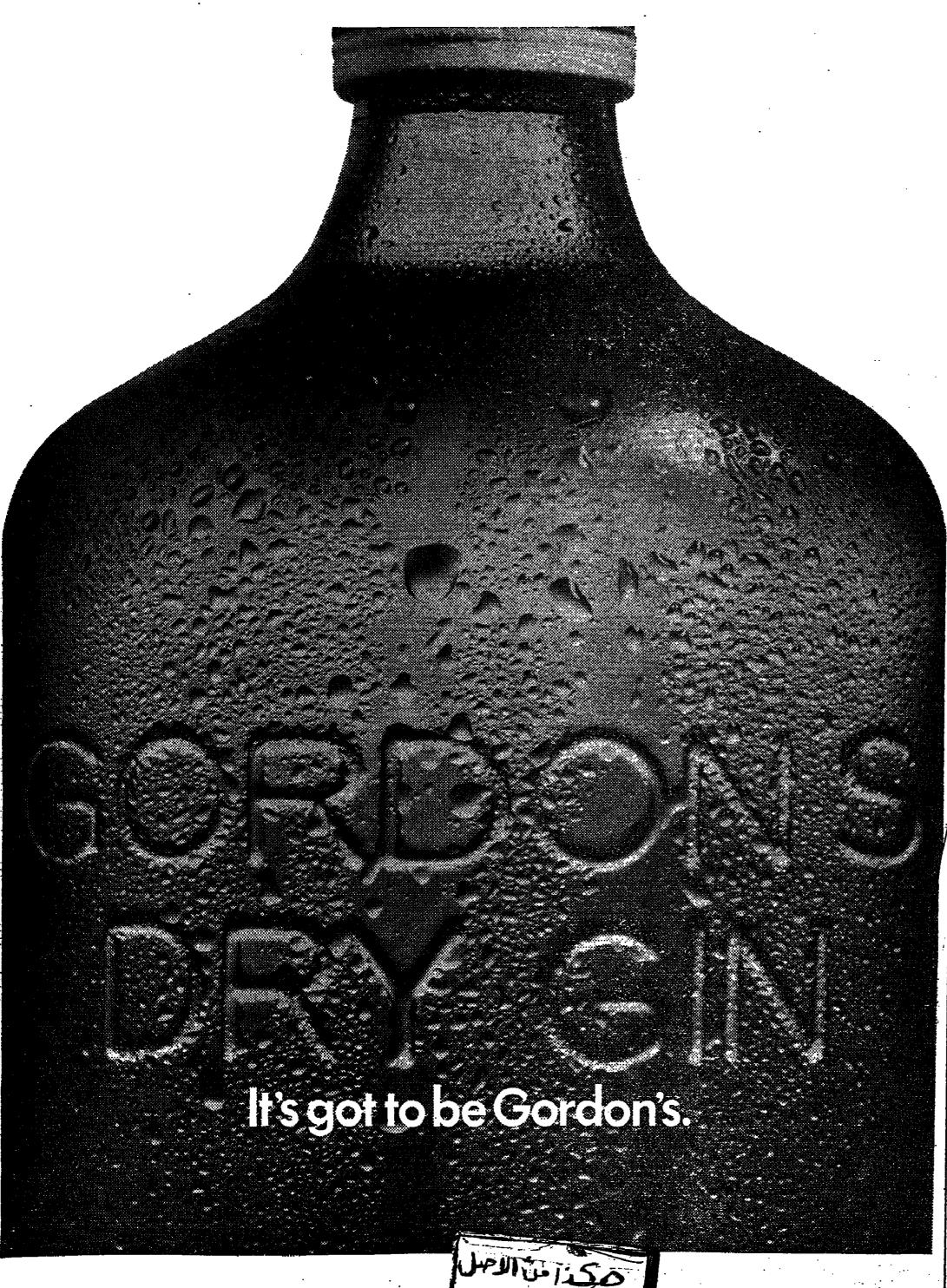
1 oz broken up spaghetti quick cooking macaroni grated cheese for serving

Peel and slice the carrot, c up the turnip and porato introcelery thinly. Skin and chol the onion finely. Heat the butter or oil gently

and add these regetables. Ada the skinned crushed an chopped garlic, if liked. Saut for a few minutes, then add the trimmed chopped bacon and cook for a further 2-3 minutes

Stir in the stock and season as required—if you use han stock or bouillon cubes, remen ber they are sather salty Simmer with the lid on for 20-30 minutes, until the regetables are slide out of the pan onto a hot dish and serve.

For a quick supper snack dip slices of bread—crusts removed—into seasoned beaten egg letting it soak well in. Then fry to a golden brown on both sides in hot butter and use as a base for grilled bacon rashers, anchovy filled, sardines or grilled tomatoes. Hot newly made toasted sandwiches to eat with



1932. Apart from a happy spell

as a demonstrator in surgery in McGill University, Montreal, where incidentally he graduated

Sick Children, Edinburgh, and Reader in Plastic Surgery at

It was typical of his zest for life and his refusal to give in, that when a cerebral vascular episode finally forced him to retire from other work, and

settle in Fife, about four years

ago, he not only continued to run the secretariat of the Inter-national Society of Burn Injur-

Andrews University and graduated PhD 18 months ago.

come as a result of conscious labour and intentional suffer-

was always inspiring; he was without guile, but had im-

mense compassion. All those who knew him well were aware

that he had developed an ex-traordinary inner life, yet he

gave of himself unstintingly for

To many, John Bennett seemed almost superhuman. In

the last four years he em-barked upon a series of far-

sighted and ambitious projects.

The remarkable experiment in

adult education at Sherborne

in Gloucestershire has spawned

Bennett foresaw times

through the existence of self-

people initiated in realistic techniques of creative transfor-

mation. He lived to see the first of these, at Claymont, near

A charismatic leader, bril-

liant lecturer and teacher, he succeeded in almost totally

transcending the preoccupation with self. Clearly, his religion

the world have found their

teaching, and many more have been influenced by his many books, the last of which, The Masters of Wisdom, is to be

Lady Robins, widow of the first and last Baron Robins, KBE, DSO, sometime president of the British South Africa

Company has died. She was Mary, daughter of Philip Wroughton and she was married in 1912. Her husband

Commander John Patrick Fisher, MVO, who was appointed a Justice of the Peace for Wiltshire in 1970, died on December 9. He was

died in 1962.

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His example to others

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KINGHAM PALACE mber 17: Mr F. B. Cooper Majesty's Ambassador Extra-ary and Plenipotentiary for Commonwealth of Australia at 10) and Mrs Cooper had the

on and the cooler had the profession of the prof his own Letters of Credence mhassador Extraordinary and potentiary from the Republic force to the Court of St

Excellency was accompanied e following members of the ssy who had the honour of presented to The Queen: ong Ick Choi (Minister), Mr Yoon (Counsellor), Mr ing Kim (Counsellor), Mr El Dong Yull Seo (Defence hé), Mr Chang Rak Kim (Fin-I Attaché), Mr Nam Kun Park: Sacretary). Mr Byung Bae (First Secretary) and phng Chan Lee (First Secretary)

iame Kim had the honour ing received by Her Majesty. Thomas Brimelow (Perma-Under-Secretary of State for Commonwealth gn and Commonwealth s), who had the honour of received by The Queen, was at and the Gendemen of the hold in Waiting were in

lance.

Robert Hunter Wade was ed in audience by Her ty and kissed hands upon his atment as Her Majesty's Amore Extraordinary and Plenitary for New Zealand at

Hunter Wade had the roof being received by The Justice Oliver had the r of being received by Her ty upon his appointment as tice of the High Court of when The Queen conferred

him the honour of Knight-Right Hon Harold Wilson, rime Minister and First Lord Treasury) had an audience r Majesty this evening. Duke of Edinburgh, as

Duke or Europurgn, as ent of the Council of Engin-Institutions, this afternoon chingham Palace presented acRobert Award Prize and for 1974. Prince of Wales this morn-

esided at a Meeting of The 's Council at the Duchy of all Office, 10 Buckingham Royal Highness later atten-

uncheon given by the RNVR stion at the Naval Club, Hill Hon Mary Morrison has led the Lady Susan Hussey y in Waiting to The Queen.

INCE HOUSE ber 17: Queen Elizabeth ueen Mother was present ening at the Bar Musical

Twentyfirst Anniversary give at the Middle Hon Mrs John Mulholland prain James Duncan Millar n attendance.

Hon Mrs John Mulholland L-Preston as Lady-in-Walt-

CHED HOUSE LODGE.

ther 17: Princess Alexandra, resident of the British Red Society and Patron of the Red Cross, and the Hon Ogilvy were present this g at a performance of an Ice, given in aid of sudon Branch of the Society, Empire Pool, Wembley. Hon Lady Rowley was in

Henderson sends to all his us and friends warm Christ-reetings and best wishes for

aham and Lady Rowlandson it be sending Christmas cards ear and would like to take portunity of wishing all their a Merry Christmas and

rovost and Fellows of the m Division of the Woodard ration have appointed Mr. Hill, a housemaster at herpoint College, Head-of the Cathedral School, iff, as from September,

adays today

eville Ashenheim, 74; Sir Batsford, 64; Lieutenantil Sir Edwin Bramall, 51;
E. Fraser, VC, 54; Mr
opher Fry, 67; Lord Robens
ldingham, 64; Major-General
leginald Scoones, 74; Sir
lder Sim, 69; Majoril G. N. Tuck, 73.

College

Michaelmas half at Eton et closes roday. There are toys leaving, including the n of the school, A. G. H. KS. The Rosebery history has been awarded to G. D. S. KS. In the final of the lation Football the Hon G. Anbyn's defeated Mr J. S. ake's by three goals to two. ke's by three goals to two. The half begins on January

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Forthcoming marriages Mr N. R. Ashman

The engagement is announced be-tween Neal Ashman, of Les Mal-poignes, Les Landes, Guernsey, and Rose Whitzaway, of Home House, Le Varclin, St Martin's,

and Miss P. A. Anden
The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr and Mrs
G. N. Balfour, of Mulwith Farmhouse, Skelton-on-Ure, Ripon, Yorkshire, and Philippa, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs D. E. Auden, of Danesgate, Repton, Derbyshire.

Mr H. G. Balfour and Mrs D. L. Griswold

and Mrs D. L. Griswold
The engagement is announced and
the marriage will shortly take
place between Hugh George Balfour, of Oaklands, near Edenbridge, Kent, and Bertha Rin, elder
daughter of the late Mr and Mrs
F. V. C. Livingstone-Learmonth,
of Wheatley, Oxford, widow of
Donald L. Griswold, of New York
State, United States.

Mr R. Davidson and Miss D. E. Watkins
The engagement is announced between Richard, elder son of Dr and Mrs Richard H. N. Davidson, of Toronto, Canada, and Dilys, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs T. F. Watkins, of Salisbury, Wiltshire.

Mr D. A. Hickling and Miss D. E. F. Langley

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The engagement is announced
between David, younger son of Mr
and Mrs R. Hickling, of Oxted,
Surrey, and Deborah, younger
daughter of Mrs B. E. F. Langley
and the late E. R. Langley, of
Kensington, London. A superb pair of English flintlock holster pistols sent for sale
by the Duchess of Westminster
brought an auction record price
of £78,000 at Sotheby's yesterday.
The purchaser was Mr Howard
Ricketts, the Bond Street dealer,
who bought them on behalf of a
collector. Sotheby's had been
estimating £30,000-£35,000 in
cautious style, while boping for
more.

Mr A. C. E. Kent and Miss A. F. B. Nurse The engagement is announced between Anthony, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. C. Kent, and Avril, daughter of Mr and Mrs K. E. Nurse, of Frinton, Essex.

Mr P. J. Loveday and Miss J. E. R. Hodgkins

and Miss J. E. K. Hodgkins
The engagement is announced between Philip, younger son of Mr
and Mrs Harold C. Loveday, of
Poppins, Ogbourne St George,
Marlborough, Wiltshire, and Jill,
elder daughter of Mr and Mrs
John F. Hodgkins, of Stonesthrow,
Stone Street, near Sevenoaks,
Kent

Mr J. B. Newall and Mile F. M. M. Milliot

The engagement is amounced between John Betts, son of Mr and Mrs J. S. Newall, of Lausanne, and Françoise Monique Michelle, daughter of General and Mme Jean Milliot, of Paris.

Lieutenant B. B. Perowne, RN and Miss H. R. M. Wykes-Sneyd

The engagement is announced between Benjamin Brian, elder son of Commodore and Mrs Ben Perowne, of Shortacre, Headley, Hampshire, and Honora Rose Mary, younger daughter of Captain and Mrs Roger Wykes-Sneyd, of Whitehouse Farm, Wissett, Suffolk.

Dr A. J. N. Shepherd and Miss D. M. Hayman

Miss D. M. Hayman

The engagement is announced between Alistair John Newbolt Shepherd, eldest son of Mr John A. Shepherd, surgeon, and Mrs Shepherd, of Haswell, Wirrai, Cheshire, and Diane Mary Hayman, only daughter of Mr and Mrs W. V. T. Hayman, of Sherwood, Nottingham.

Flying Officer M. G. F. White, RAF, and Miss L. C. Hewitt

The engagement is announced between Malcolin, son of Mr G. White, Lyncroft, Dorking, Surrey, and the late Mrs M. White, and Claire, daughter of Mr P. D. Hewitt, Feli Lodge, Sunninghill, Berkshire, and Mrs J. F. C. Gallaher, Karachi, Pakistan.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include: Lord Greenwood of Rossendale to the board of the Housing Corpora-tion. Six other new members have been appointed, including Father Paul Byrne, director of the Shelter housing sid centre. Mr Peter Elstob, the English author and historian, to be general secretary of International PEN, the international association of

writers, at its congress in Jerusa-

Prison service

The following changes in prison service are announced: wiss Olwen Party, aged 42, deputy lirector in the north regional office, Manchestor, to succeed Mrs Joanus (cliey, who is retiring, as assistant irrector of P4 Division at Prison Department headquarters. Kelley, who is redning, as assistant director of P4 Division at Prison Department headquarters.

Mr R. M., Dauncey, aged 51, governor at Feltham borstal, to be a deputy director in the northing aged to be carry of Feltham borstal. Mr Edwin Carry of Feltham borstal. Mr Edwin Carry of Feltham borstal. Mr Edwin R. E. Skulton, aged 45, to be Kingsion governor, aged 45, to be governor at Long Larin prison, to be governor of Burmingham prison. Mr Jack Williams, aged 49, to be governor at Long Larin. Seed 49, to be governor at Long Larin. Seed 49, to be governor at Long Larin. Mr Long Larin Mr D. F. Dennis. Seed 55, s governor at Long Larin. Mr Long Larin Mr D. F. Dennis. Seed 55, s governor at Long Larin. Mr Long Larin Mr D. F. Dennis. Seed 55, s governor at Long Larin. Mr Long Campbell, aged 40, governor of Usk brachen to succeed Mr Dennis. Mr D. F. Campbell, aged 421, governor of Follington borstal, near Goole, to be governor at Usk.

Today's engagements

The Duke of Edinburgh lunches with National Coal Board, Hobart House, Grosvenor Place, 12.15; as patron and twelfth man, presents Lord's Taverners' county championship trophy to Worcestershire County Cricket Club, Buckingham Palace, 3. Worcestershire County Cricket Club, Buckingham Palace, 3.

The Duke of Kent, as patron, and the Duchess of Kent attend Leukaemia Research Fund's carol concert, Albert Hall, 7.25.

Exhibition of prints, drawings and paintings, Victoria and Albert Museum, Cromwell Road, 10-6.

Church news

Latest appointments include: Latest appointments include:

The Rev J. E. Burgees, Vicar of
keynsham, diocese of Rath and Wells,
to be Archdeacon of Rath, same diocese.

The Right Rev J. R. G. Neale, Bishop
Salisburg, to be also Archdeacon of
Salisburg, to be also Archdeacon of
Wilshire, same diocese,
Wilshire, same diocese of Salisbury,
Tonon R. L. Sharp, Vicar of Holy
Tonon R. L. Sharp, V diocese. J. C. P. Barton, Vicar of Weiling, diocese of Rochoster, to be officed in charge of Malmesbury with Westport, diocese of Bristol.

The Rev P. G. C. Beck, Vicar of St. Mark's. Brampton, diocese of Bristol.

The Rev P. G. C. Beck, Vicar of St. Mark's. Brampton, diocese, and diagness. Avesson, same diocese. The Rev D. A. Bowles, curate of St.
John the Baptist, Beeston, diocase of
Southwell, to be chaptain on Ascension
sland, diocese of St. Helena, after training at the USPG College of the Ascenton, Birmingham. sion, Birmingham.

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Inc. Falmouith. diocese of Trure.
In the vicar of St Issey and St Petroc
Minor. same diocrec.

The Rev B. A. Carow. Royal Army
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Chapleins' Department, io be priest in
Charge of Great and Little Henny with
Middleton, diocese of Cheimsford. Middleton, diocese of Lagonston.
The Rev M. T. Christian-Edwar
Vicar of St Thomas a. Trowberdige a
Roctor of Wingfield, diocese of St
Bury, to be priest in charge of
Paul's, Fisherion Anger, same dioces The Rev N. Crowder. Vicar of S. John's Ryde, diocese of Portsnouth, to be diocese director of religious education and a residentiary canon of Portsmouth Cathedral. The Rev H. W. Crosshwaite has with-drawn hit acceptance of the benefice of Monk Brotton. Barnsley, diocese of wastofield.

The Rev C. Calo, curate of St John the Baptist. Buborough, discose of Southwell. Io be priest in charge of

The Rev T. F. Horsington. curate of St Luke's. Farnworth. Widness, diocess of Liverpool. to be priest in charge of Liangauron with Liangrove and Carway, diocess of Burnford. The Rev J. Rummerstone, curate of Halmsley, diocese of York, to be priest in charge of Manningford Bruce with Manningford Abbas, and later vicar in the Swamborough Team, diocese of Salisbury. The Rev R. W. C. Jeffary, curste of Sarum St Michael, diocese of Salishury, to be team vicar-designate of the Rivigo way Toam ministry, same diocese. The Rev J. Oldham, Vicar of Buxton diocese of Derby, to be rector of the Suxton Team ministry, same diocese. Buxton Team ministry, same dioceso.

The Rev G. Parrott, priest in charge of the parties of peter s. Peter s. S. P

recentur of west Cautedral.

The Rev M. O. West, Rector of yolard Millichat with Lydlard-Tregor incose of Bristol. to be Vicar or prage with Germon, diocese of Truro. Canon W. C. C. Williams, Rural firance of Swanses; and Vicer of Landillo Talybont, to! be Vicer of Penifergaer, diocess of Swanses and Brecon. Retirement

From The Times of Saturday, December 17, 1949. Communists out From Our Labour Correspondent Mr Arthur Deakin, general secre-tary of the Transport and General Workers Union, gave details yesterday evening of action taken by nis national executive, which has

been meeting throughout this week, on the decisions of the biennial conference that no Com-munist or Pascist shall be eligible to hold office in the union. Of the 560 full-time officers of the union, he said, 551 had signed declarations that they were not Communists or Fascists. The remaining nine will be given notices terminating their employment a month after next Monday. As no one can stand for the committees of the union, for which elections are now going on, with-out signing the declaration, Mr Deakin said that by next March

there would be no Communist or Fascist holding office in the

chaser £6,500 for a rare pair of Dutch double-barrelled ivory-stocked turn-over flintlock pistols, also of the late seventeenth

In a manuscript sale a large group of Slegfried Sassoon letters and postcards made £3,800 (estimate £5,000-£6,000). A group of D. H. Lawrence letters made £2,000 (estimate £2,500-£3,500). Sotheby's also held a sale of Chinese ceramics and works of art

At Sotheby's Belgravia a minor At Sotheby's Belgravia a minor sale of Victorian paintings recorded virtually no lot unsold. A George Bernard O'Neill genrescene, "Love me, love my dog", made £800 (estimate £400-£800). In Christle's sale of Japanese works of art a pair of lacquer robe chests of the Edo period made £4,410 (estimate £3,000) and a fine niveteenth-century lacquer tansu made £1,575 (estimate £700).

IUIICIBOU at Buckingham Paiace.
The guests were:
Miss Wendy Hiller (actress), the Rev
Paul Rownitre Clifford (President,
Selly Oak Colleges, Birmingham), Ar
Justice Griffiths, Mr David Lean (film
director), Sir Arnold Linding (chairman, Engineering and Industrial
Training Board), Mr Michael Middieton
(UK Secretary General, European
Architectural Horlinge Year, 1975),
Dr John Tanner (Director, Royal Air
Force Museum), and Mr Desmond
Taylor (editor, News and Current
Affairs, BBC).

Mrs Georgette Rougier, of West-minster, the novelist Georgette Heyer, left £67.337 net (duty paid, £11,717), mostly to relatives. . . .

Other estates include (net, before

duty paid; further duty may be

State pension scheme is Buckingham Palace luncheon criticized as inadequate The Queen and The Duke of Edinburgh yesterday held a luncheou at Buckingham Palace.

Lance Corporal of Horse Steve Hague, left, and Trooper Gary Mawhin

ney, of the Household Cavalry, who have been awarded the Queens'

Commendation for Brave Conduct for rescuing horses from a blazing

Monlong is recorded as the highest paid Arquebusier de la Maison du Roi at the court of Louis XIV. He fled to England as a Huguenot in 1684 and was appointed Gunmaker in Ordinary to William III in or after 1689. The sheer richness and quality of this pair of pistols make it virtually certain that they were made for the king.

The pistols were on loan to the

Otherwise, Sotheby's two sales

Victoria and Albert museum from

of arms and armour saw prices holding well; this area has so far hardly been invaded by investors. Mr Ricketts also paid £12,500 for a pair of Saxon wheel-lock holster pistols of about 1600. An anonymous buyer paid £9,000 for a pair of Brescian flintlock holster pistols of the late seventeenth century, and another anonymous pur-

Auction record price paid for superb

pair of English flintlock pistols

1960 to 1970.

by a Statt Reporter
At least a million pensioners may
be dependent on means-tested
supplementary benefits even after
the Government's proposed pension scheme has fully matured in
about 1998, Age Concern says in
a memorandum, published yesterday, on the White Paper Better
Pensions.

By Geraldine Norman

Sale Room Correspondent A superb pair of English flint-

The pistols are the work of Pierre Monlong and probably date from about 1690-1700. They are

superbly worked with sheet silver, and gold inlay, while the chiselled steel locks and furniture in general are of marvelious quality. Mr Ricketts describes them as the finest pair of pistols sold at auction this century. There were several other bidders in the running over

Pensions.

The scheme, which would pay full benefits to those retiring 20 years after it had come into operation, would do nothing for two million pensioners who rely on supplementary benefits at present to bring them up to the poverty line, Mr David Hobman, director of Age Concern, said. Even those young enough to benefit fully by the time they retired might find. the time they ret their pensions bel ary benefit levels.

Luncheons

Saints and Sinners Club

The Saints and Sinners Club of London held a luncheon at the Dorchester hotel yesterday. Mr Cecil Redfern was in the chair and the ofher speakers were Mr Percy Hoskins, Mr Robert Morley, Mr Derek Nimmo and Mr Tom Arnold, MP. Among those present were:

Mr. Among those present were:
The Marquess of Tavistock, Lord
Thomas of Remenham, Lord Wakefield of Kendal, Lord Hirabileld, Mr.
Ray Ganter, Sir Desmond Plantmer.
Sir William Barmelson, Sir Emile Littler,
Sir Bernard Delfont, Sir Percy Russ.
Sir William Buttin, Sir Ronald Howe,
Sir Richard Thompson, Sir Gerald
Giover, Sir Berkeley Gage, Sir Peter
Hope, and Group Captain Donglas
Bader.

Council of Engineering Institutions

Council of Engineering Institutions
The Council of Engineering Institutions gave a Iuncheon yesterday,
December 17, at the Dorchester
hotel for the 1974 MacRobert
award winners: Dr T. J. P. Pearce,
Mr G. W. Bridger, Mr P. Davies,
Dr J. T. Gallagher and Dr D.
Cornthwaite, of Imperial Chemical
Industries Limited. The host was
Sir Leonard Arkinson, Chairman of
CRI and the greets frecluded Lord

Sir Leonaru Arkinson, Charman in CEI, and the guests included Lord Hinton of Bankside, Chairman of the MacRoberts Award Evaluation Committee, and Sir Jack Callard, chairman of Imperial Chemical Industries Limited.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs was host yesterday at a luncheon at Lancaster House in honour of the Netherlands State Secretary for Foreign Affairs. Among the guests were:

The Netherlands Mothers of Lord Balock. Lord Cole. Mr Cledwyn Hughes. MP. Sir George Wuidenfeld. Str. James Barker, M. Du Hoop Schwies. MF. Mothers of Lands of McColesen. Philipp. About.

The Duke of Edinburgh, as presi

HM Government

Those affected included an estimated 640,000 low-wage earners

and their 80,000 dependants, at least 250,000 self-employed, who would get only the basic pension under the new scheme, and about 100,000 people who would not be entitled to a full pension because of incomplete contribution records. Age Concern urges the Government to replace its proposed twoment to replace its proposed two-tier base level and earnings-related graduated pension scheme by a single flat-rate pension, high enough to eliminate the need for means-tested benefits of any sort, and payable to all pensioners without regard to individual con-tribution levels and records.

Memorandum on the White Paper "Better Pensions" (Cmnd 5713), and a policy for a futire state, pension (Age Concern, National Old People's Welfare Council, Bernard Sunley House, 60 Pitcairn Road, Mitcham, Surrey CR4 3LL. No charge).

for Grenada, and Mrs Gibbs. The

The High Commissioner for Jamaica and Mrs Wint. Sir Duncan and Lady Watson. Mr Neil Marton, MP, Miss Gairy. Mr Sam Morris, Mr and Mrs R. H. Belcher, Mr Alan Gray, and Mr M. R. J. Guest.

The chairman of the Greater London Council was host at luncheon at County Hall yesterday. The guests included:

The High Commissioner for the Bahamas and Mrs Braynen, the Lausembourg Ambassador, the Ambassador for the German Democratic Republic and Frau Kern, the Commonwealth Secretary-Gerieral and Mrs Smith and the mayors and mayoresses of Hammersmith and and mayoresses of Hammersmith and

The president of the Law Society gave a luncheon party at 60 Carey Street yesterday at which the guests included:

guests included:
The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Judge Sir Carl Aarvold, Sir Thomas Skyrma, Mr Francis Pym, MP, Mr B. J. Collins, Mr R. T. Johnson, Mr E. N. Ligghs, Mr J. M. Wickerson and Mr J. L. Bowron.

Mr Roy Hattersley, Minister of State for Foreign and Common-wealth Affairs, was host yesterday at the Albery Theatre, and after-wards at a reception at the Bristol Hotel in honour of Mr L. J. Brink-horst, Netherlands State Secretary

The Ambassador of the State of Bahrain and Shaikha Haya Al-Khalifa held a reception at the

The Queen has appointed the Prince of Wales to be chairman of the administrative council of King George's Jubilee Trust (For

Youth) in succession to the late Duke of Gloucester.

Shaikha Haya Al-Khalifa.

King George's

Jubilee Trust

25 years ago

other guests included:

Law Society

Receptions

Cole, Mr John Holliday, of Wrib-benhall, Worcestershire, carpet manufacturer (duty paid, £96,281) Carlton Tower Hotel on Monday night on the occasion of National Day. Those present included am-bassadors and high commissioners, members of the Government, members of both Houses of Par-liament recorrectivities of bank-Miss Joan Lestor, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host yesterday at a luncheon at Admiralty House in honour of the High Commissioner liament, representatives of bank-ing, commerce, industry and the universities and other friends of

Latest wills

Dinners

Mr G. R. Dowson
The Prince of Wales was present
last night at a private dinner
given by Mr Graham R. Dowson
at 38 South Street, Wi. Also preat 38 South Street, WI. Also present were:
Mr Gudfrey Bilton, Mr Leslie Button,
Squadron Leader David Checkeits. Mr
Laurence Graft, Mr Ramon Groene,
Mr Geoffrey Kaye, Mr Henry Kaye,
Mr John Johnson, Mr Jovid Lowis,
Mr John Jonnel, Mr Graham Pyon
Thomas, Mr Herbert Towning, Mr Jack
Walker, and Mr Alan Watts.

Old Newcastilian Club The Centenary Year dinner of the Old Newcastilian Club was held on Monday at the North Stafford on Monday at the North Stafford Hotel, Stoke-on-Trent. The president, Sir David Barritt, was in the chair. Among the guests were: The Right Rev F. S. Temple (Bishop of Malmesbury), Lord Robens of Woldingham, Mr J. S. Orme, Mr C. J. Boulton and Mr J. W. Donaldson (Headmaster, Norwegues and J. Wr. Herb. Newcastle-under-Lyme High

School). Weavers' Company The Lord Mayor, the Sheriffs and the City Marshal were present last the City Marshal were present last night at a livery dinner of the Weavers' Company held at Viotners' Bail. Mr L. C. Winterson, upper bailiff, received the guests and proposed the clvic toast, to which the Lord Mayor replied. The other speakers were Lord Brain and the Bishop of London.

The Wallace Collection During the Christmas holiday the Wallace Collection will be closed to the public on December 24, 25 and 26, and will reopen at 10 am on December 27. The collection will also be closed on January 1. **OBITUARY**

MR ALEXANDER WALLACE Leading plastic surgeon University where he qualified in 1929, he proceeded to the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons of Edinburgh in

Mr Alexander Burns Wallace, December 14, was a plastic surgeon of international renown.

This position he achieved position he achieved not because of his technical only because or ms to skill but also by virtue of his integrity, character and devonon to duty.

In many ways he was the supreme example of the special-ist who never became lost in the technicality of his job. The patient always came first; he was never a "case" but always a human being. Above all he always resisted

any attempt to prostitute his speciality. In plastic surgery this was a particularly valuable attribute, for there was a time when it threatened to be dominated by the more exuberant money-grubbing exponents of cosmetic surgery. Face lifting, abolition of wrinkles, straightening of noses,

unnecessary plastic operations on the breast, particularly for those to whom money was no consideration—none of these vould Wallace tolerate.

Plastic surgery in his opinion was a serious branch of surgery which should devote itself to the service of those in whom plastic surgery was of real practical and psychological assist-ance, whether it was the victim of burns, road or industrial accidents, or congenital deform-ity. For these he had an infinite ompassion and would labour for them morning, noon and night.

nineteenth century in relation graduate of Edinburgh to plastic surgery. JOHN GODOLPHIN BENNETT

Mr John Godolphin Bennett died on Friday at the age of 77. He was born on June 8, 1897, and educated at King's School, Wimbledon, RMA Woolwich, and the School of Military Engineering, Chatham.

He saw service in the RE Signals towards the end of the First World War and from 1919 to 1922 was engaged in military intelligence in the Near East. From 1929 to 1950 he was involved in solid fuel research and became first director of the British Coal Utilization Research Association. During the latter part of his life he was concerned with research of a rather different order, occupying himself with inquiries into the interrelation of history, religion, philosophy and the problems confronting modern man. He was the author of The Crisis in Human Affairs; What are we Living For?; The Dramatic Universe; and Concerning Subud.

Mr Alick Bartholomew writes: To understand what John Bennett accomplished, one must acknowledge the vision of G. L. Gurdileff, who insisted that man. has become totally blind to what is real. Bennett, who with seir. Clearly, his rengion what is real. Bennett, who was the brotherhood of man; could easily have had a brill he was equally at home with liant inture as a scientist, be a Suff, a Ruddhist, or a Roman-cone of the principal Carbolic. Thousands all over liant future as a scientist, be-came one of the principal teachers of Gurdjieff's and Ouspensky's ideas for the trans-formation of man.

An individualist and a maverick he believed that a maverick, he believed that a teaching will become devoid of life unless new insights are constantly found to renew its relevance.

levance.

Those who worked closely with him 20 years ago at Coombe Springs in Kingston upon Thames, knew Bennett as a person of great authority, impatient of human weaknesses, although students found even then that he frequently understood a question they could not form. In the intervening years form. In the intervening years he underwent a remarkable transformation, which was not mere mellowing.

It was as if he exemplified die G's teaching, that Grace may 47.

Memorial services Mr M. Benthali memorial service

A memorial service for Mr Michael Benthall was held at St Paul's, Covent Garden, vesterday. The Rev John Hester officiated. Mr Jonathan Benthall, Miss Barbara Jefford, Miss Judi Dench and Mr Paul Scoffeld gave readings and Mr Paul Rogers gave an address. Among others present were:

were:

Sir Poul and Lady Benthell, Mr Richard
Beathall, Mr James Benthall, MrTimolhy, Benthall, Mr John Germit,
Sir Robert Helpmans, Lady Morton,
Lady Richardson, Sir Mithael Redgrave,
Sir John Russell, Igocemor, Oil Vict,
Mr John Justin, Mr John Tholoy (Royal)
Opera Hense:, Mr John Tholoy (Royal)
Association, Miss, Margaran Rawlings
(British Actors Equity), Miss Jano
(British Council), Mr Alired Francis

University news

Dr W. J. H. Butterfield, DM., Vice-Chancellor of Nottingham University, is to be Regius Professor of Physic at Cambridge University, in ancession to Professor J. S. Mitchell, who is retiring. Oxford

Oxiota
The following elections and awards are announced:
UNIVERSITY COLLEGE: Special supernumary (cliuwishly in music. A. C. Baines, MA. curator or the Base Collection and lectures of the Base Collection and lectures. W. Beckernan, MA. Death professor of political running. University College Landon.

(Old Vic Trust), Mr Dobgias Morris
(Bristol Old Vic), Mr John Roberts
(Gentral School of Spoech and Drams),
Mr Budger Jones, Society of Authors,
and Bry Jones, Mr Gerreny Service,
Mr John Mr Johns, Mr Gerreny Service,
Mr Hamish, Adrew Cruicksham,
Mr Liewedkyn Rees, Miss Peggy Mount,
Mr Patrick Allson (Allson and Co.,
Mr Hamish Hamilton, Miss Tanya,
Molselwisch, Miss Glover (Vic-Wolk
Association), Miss Elspeth March, Miss
M, Joseph (Gallory Firm Nighters
Culb), Mr George Benson, Mr Ruperi
Marsh, Mr Dennis Andrews (Aris
Council of Great Rivain), Miss Consiance, Sinackiock, Mr John Turner,
Mrs Hayler, and Mr Poul Fmlay.

Major John Foley

A memorial and thanksgiving service for Major John Foley was held at St James's Church, Piccadilly, yesterday. The Rector, the Rev William Baddeley, officiated, the lesson was read by Mr Len Crawley and an address was given by Mr Alau Campbell Johnson.

Birmingham Lates appointments toclude:

11. Jolley. BSc. PhD. and K. F. Langley. BSc. PhD. (Bedr. to be research
fellows in chemistry.

Science report

Obstetrics: Drugs in pregnancy

Drug-monitoring set up throughout the world after the thalidomide disaster are still turning up evidence of new unsuspected associations between drugpected associations between drug-naking early in pregnancy and birth abnormalities. The first few weeks of pregnancy are the most hazardous, and the safest policy for doctors how seems to be that they should prescribe no drugs for women of child-bearing age except where adequate contractories are women of child-bearing age except where adequate contraceptive precautions are being taken.

The latest account of drug-associated abnormalities has come from California University and suggests that two widely used minor tranquillizers, meprobamate and chlordiazepoxide, may increase the risk of foetal abnormality when taken early in pregnancy.

pregnancles among women in east San Francisco, compared the incidence of severe birth abnormal-

meprobamate, those on chlordiaze-poxide, those taking other drugs, and women who took no drugs in early pregnancy. There were to taking differences between the usually had them prescribed by a

come.
The usual rate of birth abnormalities is known to be of the order of two or three cases in every hundred births and the increase in that risk associated with the use of tranquillizers was very small and not statistically significant until the data were divided on the basis of the time in pregnancy Ity when taken early in pregnancy. The study, based on nearly 20,000

the drug was taken.

As the report emphasizes, the findings are no more than sugges-tive but they provide further support for the view that no drug

meprobamate, those on chlordiazepoxide, those taking other drugs,
and women who took no drugs in
early pregnancy: There were no
striking differences between the
groups, but the women taking the
tranquillizers during the first six
weeks of pregnancy had three to
frour times the rate of foetal abnormality found in the other
groups. After the first six weeks
of pregnancy the drugs had no
obvious adverse effect on its outcome.

The usual rate of birth abnormal.

pregnancy, and there seems a good case for similar caution in prescrib-sing drugs to be exercised by general practitioners and hospital general practitioners and hospital physicians. Public attitudes have surely eased anough for the question " could you become pregnant in the next few weeks?" to be included in the routine interrogation before the drug is prescribed. By Our Medical Correspondent. Source: New England Journal of Medicine (Dec 12, p 1268). Medicine (Dec 12. p 1268),

M HENRI de MONFREID Writer and

adventurer M Henri de Monfreid, writer; novelist, self-confessed smuggler and adventurer, sometimes called "the French Lawrence, of Arabia" for his exploits in ... Ethiopia and around the Red Sea in the 1930s, has died at his home at Ingrandes in the Indre.

MSc, he spent his entire pro-fessional career in Edinburgh, as surgeon in charge of the plastic and jaw injuries unit at Bangour Hospital, assistant sur-geon at the Royal Hospital for Sick Children Edinburgh and at the age of 95.

De Monfreid was banned from entering Ethiopia by the then Emperor Haile Selassie in 1932, the year he began to write the first of more than 70 books.

Les Secrets de la Mer Rouge; besed on his intimate know. Reader in Plastic Surgery at Edinburgh University.

He also served a term as president of the British Association of Plastic Surgeons. Such was his international reputation that he was appointed general secretary of the International Society of Burn Injuries, an appear of plastic surgery in based on his intimate know-ledge of that country and the Red Sea coast acquired after "feeling" Europe, and landing at Djibouti in 1910. aspect of plastic surgery in which he had for long been a leading figure, and the University of Upsaala made him an honorary MD in 1970.

It was troical of his zest for

He started to write after his " experiences as a coffee trader in gun-runner and organizer of trading caravans into the interior, when he met M Joseph Kessel, then preparing a book on the slave trade from Africa. to Arab countries. He then published Vers des Terres Hostiles.
d'Ethiope and La Croisière du
Haschisch based on his experiences trafficking with his own on boat in the Red Sea.

A self-declared enemy of the Negus, de Monfreid returned to

Ethiopia only after Mussolini's conquest, settling there as a coffee plunter. In 1940 he was arrested by the British and In addition, at the time of his death, he was busy on an historical project of the Edinburgh Surgical School of the spent 10 months in prison Kenya. Later he was released and lived out the war years in the White Highlands as a game hunter.

De Monfreid, recalling the

trefficking in drugs and arms in an interview he gave only months before his death, remarked that he suspected that was "why the Academie Française bad declined to honour" him, although his books in the late 1930s enjoyed not only popular success but also esteem from their anthropological interest. He failed to enter the École

sillon; his father was a painter and engraver of Catalan origin who was a close friend of Gau-guin. While a schoolboy in Paris, he often saw in his father's studio Impressionist painters like Toulouse-Lautrec and Edgar Dégas.

He failed to enter the Ecole Polytechnique and his career as an adventurer in the Red Sea chaos in the near future, which civilization could survive only did not begin until after he had worked for several years as an industrial chemist. In 1958, aged 79, de Monfreid went off with his son to sail in a small boat to Mauritius; he spent 10 days at sea drifting off Madagascar when its engine failed.

MR ALAN STERN

Mr Alan Henry Stern, who died on Thursday at the age of 90. was born on February 9, 1884, at Hove. Sussex. At a young age his temperament rebusiness life, and he started his work in portrait painting. Spy influenced his early work but he later changed to straight

portraiture. For more than 50 years his work was published in journals such as the Graphic, Bystander. Vanity Fair, and John o'London. This connexion brought him in contact with some of the most distinguished people of the period. He received sittings from royalty, and many people associated with the arts, the Services, and society, were also among his sitters.

Later he contributed to These in which among these.

Times in which among others were published portraits of Augustus John and Charles Cundall. In his eighty first year, he held an exhibition of pore traits of People of Chelsea.

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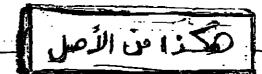
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Coal Board

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At least three leasing schemes introduced by the National Coal Board in recent years do not conform to Treasury guidelines issued after the British Railways Board's controversial tax avoidance scheme for the supply of rolling stock.

scheme for the supply of rolling stock.
Last week, the Commons Committee of Public Accounts criticized Whitehall over the Railways Board scheme, which prompted changes to tax regulations and also led to the framing of special guidelines for nationalized industries when operating leasing programmes for capital equipment.
The Coal Brard's biggest leasing deal concerns its North Sea exploration company, which

Sea exploration company, which has a subsidiary L. S. Leasing to which a finencial consortium has loaned up to £25m and

which hires about £21m worth

of equipment for the Viking gas field. Under an agreement some 90 per cent of the tax saving under group relief accrues to the Coal Board.

Other leasing concerns cover other board activities, leasing

vehicles, earthmoving equip-ment, and roof supports. These

Leasing and O. R. Leasing, and the facilities provide up to at least £11m of leased items. Since the Treasury issued its

guidelines two years ago, four other nationalized industries

have adopted leasing schemes.

Whetehall rules.

The Coal Board's schemes were worked out before the rules came into force, and zo

provad was not sought from Whitehall before they were made. The Treasury now holds

that three of the Coal Board's

schemes could not have con-formed to its guidelines.

Other nationalized industry leasing arrangements include the British Gas Corporation.

which has a £15m annual celling for this method of providing

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equipment and proposes to hire 16 compressor sets for the Frigg gas project, worth £15m over three years.

The Post Office has an arrangement with merchanibankers Samuel Montagu and Co for leasing cable ships, while the CEGB has approval in principle for leasing gas

turbines with private sector

principle for leasing

conforming to present

leasings

By Maurice Corina Industrial Editor

Bank committee outs case for elf-regulation of apital markets

John Whitmore
The City Capital Markets
mmittee, set up under the
pices of the Bank of England fully to improve communicans and the handling of public licy issues in the City, has ne out strongly in favour of continuation of self-regulan in the United Kingdom ital market.

r goes on to criticize the partment of Trade for its ability or unwillingness" to orce the considerable superpry powers it already holds the present Companies

his defence of the self-ulatory system by the CCMC nes in a paper, "The Super-ion of the Securities Mar-s", which has been drawn up response to questions put by Department of Trade in its rent inquiry into the manment and supervision of

mestions the report sets our answer cover a broad spector of issues. These include objectives and the success be existing regulatory bodies. continuing validity of those ectives, the gaps in the pret system and the pros and s of self-regulation as osed to statutory controls. ommenting on the report erday—it was sent to the artment of Trade over the kend-Mr Ian Fraser, the ner Director-General of the mittee, said that it represen-the first attempt by a City cesman body to put its own

he report was designed to v. he continued that there no case at all for slavish ations of systems imported 1 elsewhere * ne major conclusion of the

is that "whilst it is conagement and supervision of rules ".

the British securities market may not be faultless, the system has demonstrated in operation that it is fundamentally successful in attaining appropriate

objectives."

The primary objective is defined as "the creation and maintenance of a capital market which is efficient, effective and honest". And it must be in the interests of those who operate in the market and derive a living from it, the committee goes on to argue, that they impose an adequate regulatory system to see that this objective is see that achieved.

To this end the committee then points to the many ways in which the investor is at present protected from possible abuse. Points here include: the higher level of disclosure demanded by the Stock Exchange than by statutory requirements; the Stock Exchange misconduct by its members; the Stock Exchange compensation fund to protect investors against default by brokers; the way in which the jobbing system rapidly enables new information to be reflected in prices; and the successful role of the Panel in insuring equitable treatment for all shareholders in takeover

situations. However, the report does point to certain areas where the committee feels there is room for an extension of statutory provisions. The committee would, for instance, like to see insider dealing made a criminal offence and, as such, to be investigated and dealt with by the normal organs of the state.
Moreover one member of the
committee, Mr N. S. Wilson,
also believes that the Panel
"should at least have some statutory framework enabling it ed that the arrangements to impose directly pecuniary the presently exist for the penalties for a breach of the

that the volume of Japanese

imports into Australia, at pre-sent 34 per cent of the market,

would be halved in January.

Mr Bob Hawke, head of the
Australian Council of Trade
Unions, called on the Government to move immediately to

protect the jobs of GMH em-

He gave a warming that as many as 20,000 workers could be added to the unemployment rolls because of expected lay-

offs in the components supply

ustralian protest at ¿M Holden 'threat'

lanberra, Dec 17.—Mr Jim workers just before Christmas." rns, deputy prime minister, He said GMH persisted in layrns, deputy prime minister, He said GMH persisted in lay-i there was no need for ing off workers even though the threaten the Australian Govment or dismiss thousands workers to get action by the /ernment.

dr Cairns said: "The auto-tive industry all over the ld is going through a basic construction. GMH in Ausia is part of this. If it wants to blame the

stralian Government, this provide it with an excuse; that is no way to handle ustrial reconstruction prob-is. GMH need not threaten

ersey rejects 500-a-firm orporation tax

ersey's MPs today followed ernsey's by rejecting a pro-al to increase local corpora-1 tax from £300 to £600 a r per company from January

he tax is paid by locally-istered companies not trad-in the islands. Local finance n had given a warning that increase could drive such npanies to alternative low areas, and damage confi-ice in the Channel Islands offshore finance centres. The corporation tax decisions o follows publication of the Finance Bill. Anxieties re arisen over part of Clause which would extend capital
nsfer tax liability to former
residents settling in the
unds after November 12 last. The clause is to be studied Jersey's Constitutional and muon Market Committee, d by Guernsey's advisory and ance committee. Tax experts re described the clause as " a liberate attack" on fiscal licies of the Channel Islands instalments, probably starting in 1976.

UK team to study Dutch paper salvage

Dutch waste paper salvage methods are to be studied by the Department of Industry as part of a bid to improve British methods.

Representatives of the ad-Representatives of the advisory group on waste paper collection and recycling, set up this summer under the chairmanship of Mr Michael Meacher, Under-Secretary for Industry, leave for Holland Industry, this week.

At present only about 27 per cent of the total paper and board which is used in the United Kingdom is salvaged, a lower proportion than in West Germany or Japan as well as in Holland.

Britain paying £30m to development bank

The United Kingdom is to contribute \$71.7m (about £30m) to the Inter-American Development Bank in three annual

rocessors call for EEC quality on sugar prices

Food processors said yesterty that they had put a threeint claim to the Government
out sugar marketing next

The was teared that a night
sugar price in Britain would
open domestic and export markets to large imports of cheap
sugar-based foods from other out sugar marketing next ar. The claim was made to Mr art, Minister of Agriculture, four trade associations which gether use more than half of sugar supplied in Britain. They asked first for an exten-on of the equalization scheme eyond its closing date at the ad of this month. Under the heme the high price of caue igar and low price of beet are lerged by the Sugar Board into common wholesale rate harged for sugar from all

יטרces. They also wanted sugar to be old to them next year at the ame price as that paid by food rocessors in other EEC counties, even if Britain had to pay ore for raw sugar than the est of the Community.

It was feared_that a high

sugar-based foods from other Community countries.

Lastly, the associations called for fairer sharing of available sugar between retailers and industry. This year government policy has consistently been to channel available supplies to channel available supplies to the expense of indusshops at the expense of indus-

The four associations con-cerned were the Cake and Biscuit Alliance, the Cocoa, Choco-late and Confectionery Alliance, the National Soft Drinks Coun-cil and the Food Manufacturers' Federation. Their annual sugar consumption is equivalent to slightly more than the 1.4 million tons from developing coun-tries for which a 1975 contract has still to be agreed in

Gold soars after Ford pact with M Giscard

By Melvyn Westlake As government officials in London and other capitals insis ted on the unimportance of the gold agreement reached during the meeting of President Ford and President Giscard d'Estaina on Martinique, the bullion mar-kets reacted with a sharp price rise. On the foreign exchanges there was a corresponding slump in the dollar.

There appeared to be a divergence of interpretation about the significance of what had been agreed at the Franco-American talks.

However, the prevalent view on the world's major bullion markets was that the United States had retreated from its hard-line resistance to any re-valuation of the official dollar price of gold of \$42.22 an ounce. Heavy and sustained buying of the metal was reported, driving the free market value up by \$6.00 an ounce to \$189.00— just \$1.75 short of the record

level reached last month. In Zurich, the dollar fell to its weakest level ever. It also tumbled in Paris, Frankfurt, Amsterdam and other financial centres. Sterling rose 1 cent against the United States currency to \$2.3345.

The monetary authorities were clearly taken aback by the impact of the Franco-American agreement on the bullion and exchange markets. There were a string of statements denying any intention to revalue the gold component of various nat-ional reserves holdings.

Official sources in London said that Britain did not intend to increase the accounting value of its gold holding, currently 21m ounces, valued at \$886m. It was emphasized that the Government had not changed its view that gold should be phased out of the monetary system. One official stressed that the Martinique agreement—which allows "any government which wished to do so to adopt current market prices as the basis of valuation for its gold holdings "-was in no sense a new development.

Earlier this year Italy had used its gold—valued at market-related prices—as collateral for a loan from West Germany.

The only significant departure would be if central banks were actually allowed to buy gold from the free market to add to national holdings, according to the official view.
In the meantime, the link be-

tween gold and the Inter-national Monetary Fund's special drawing rights had re-Fund's cently been severed, giving a further push to the demoneti-zation of gold. In Frankfurt, Dr Otmar

Emminger, vice-president of the Federal bank, said that Germany was "unlikely" to revalue its own gold holdings. He said that he did not regard gold as an important problem

The question of whether central banks should be allowed to buy gold on the free market was, in his view, an "obsolete"

The French, however, were predictably out of step. M. lean-Pierre Fourcade, the Jean-Pierre Fourcade, the French Finance Minister, said that the Franco-American agreement had removed an important obstacle to a better

balanced international monetary system.

A fresh indication of the general movement away from the use of gold came yesterday from the European Com-

munity Commission.

The Commission wants to The Commission wants to create a new Community monetary unit that should gradually replace the current unit of account for which there is a confusing variety of calcu-lations and which is pegged to

Wilhelm Haferkamp, Monetary Commissioner, said the new unit should be based on a basket of EEC currencies.

Government is expected to pare back state steel plans to raise prices by up to 25 pc

Price increases of up to 25 per cent that the British Steel Corporation planned to introduce from the beginning of next year are expected to be pared back considerably by the Gov-

Under the terms of the European Coal and Steel Community, the BSC has freedom in pricing strategy but the British Government has traditionally intervened in the corporation's price increases. poration's price increases. For the corporation to implement increases from January 1 next year, its intention to do so needed to be notified to Brus-sels yesterday under the ECSC

15-days rule.
This notification has apparently not been made, and the indications are that the BSC faces another battle with the Government over the next few

Since the state steel under-taking submitted its price pro-posals involving the restructure of the corporation's entire price lists there has been little dis-

By R. W. Shakespeare Assembly workers at British Leyland's Triumph car plant in

Coventry, whose strike over lay-off pay stopped all production and made 11,000 workers idle,

are to go back to work today.

But thousands more Midlands
car workers were told that they

were being laid off for "ex-tended holidays" over the

Christmas and new year period.

This is because of produc-tion cuts made necessary by the depressed state of the car

The 1,000 Triumph assembly

workers, who have been on strike for three weeks, voted at

a mass meeting to accept a re-commendation of their shop

stewards and approve settle-

ment terms reached in negotia-

tions with the management at

The men have been demand-

ing layoff pay for time lost during a two-week strike by

control room staff at the Coventry car plant. The two consecutive disputes have to-gether cost British Leyland. about £30m worth of lost pro-

The settlement is the result of

a compromise. Fresh negotia-tions have taken place between

management and unions on the

basic issue of layoff pay. The

present agreements rule out such payments when men are made idle by disputes of any

kind within their own plant.
For the next six weeks, while

these negotiations are being

held the Triumph workers have been guaranteed payment —at

80 per cent of average earnings
—if they are laid off because of
any "constitutional strike"

when normal negotiating proce-dures have been exhausted.

cussion with the Government.

Given the complex nature of the restructuring, BSC officials expected that they would have been called to provide addi-tional information.

However, despite the Chan-cellor's commitment to an end-ing of subsidies in the national ized industries outlined in the November Budget, it appears that the Cabinet is not happy about the scale of increases proposed. Some ministers are apparently keen to see the scale of price increases reduced sub-

Given the current downturn in the demand for steel through-out the world, the BSC might be prepared to accept some down-ward revision of the original

stantially.

Triumph car strikers

accept compromise

increases.

But drastic cuts would certainly be strongly opposed by Dr Monty Finniston, the BSC chairman. He has made no secret of his distaste for government interference in pricing ment interference in pricing strategy and of his belief in the importance of the BSC continuing along the profitable path on

If there is no long-tern: settle-ment of the layoff pay question at the end of this six-week

period the guarantee may be extended while negotiations

This could help British Ley-

The grimmer news from the

industry yesterday was that more than 4,000 Coventry car workers, mostly Chrysler men, are to be laid off for three days

over the holiday period. These days will be added to the normal

Chrysler's Ryton car assembly

plant, employing some 4,000 pro-

duction workers, will shut down on Frid: until January 2. Short-time at Lucas: The Lucas

Birmingham and Cannock which

Announcing the cutback, a

Lucas spokesman hinted at more

"The number affected by the short-time is less than 25 per

the electrical division."

cent of the total work force of

VW may close plant: Volks-wagen announced in Wolfsburg

permanently and lay off workers if its present policies of short-

time working and voluntary re-dundancies failed to cut produc-tion sufficiently.

land's cash-flow problems.

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which it has now started.

The lack of any clear indication from the Government is private sector steelmakers. Their prices have tended to follow those adopted by the state steel

undertaking.
Representatives of the British Independent Steel Producers Association (BISPA) were due to meet today in Birmingham to discuss their next price moves, but that meeting has been cancelled pending the outcome of the BSC's discussions.

Private sector prices are about 15 per cent higher than those of the BSC, and private sector producers consider that increases of up to 20 per cent can be justified on cost grounds

In a speech to the annual general meeting of BISPA vesterday, Mr B. C. Bruce-Gardner, the retiring president, said that with steelmaking costs surging upwards through-out the world, no unreasonable restraints on price levels for steel products should exist.

He continued: "Despite in-flationary problems, steelmak-ing prices must be kept at a level which is adequate to cover operating and raw material costs and provide the profit which is essential to fund the investments required."
BISPA members are also be

coming increasingly concerned with the BSC's inability to meet their demand requirements.

The constraints on the BSC's production this year had seriously affected private sector producers of finished products. and in some cases, Mr Bruce-

Gardner said, had been subjected to more acute "three-day week" conditions than those which arose from the miners' strike at the beginning of the

Unable to meet the demand from their customers, private sector producers have been forced to introduce short-time working because of the inade-quacy of supplies from the BSC.

White House may back down on Exim Bank

From Frank Vogl Washington, Dec 17

It appears that the White House is backing down in its opposition to Congressional action to set firm limits on Credits that the Export-Import bank can make for American-One immediate effect of the end of the assembly workers' strike is that some 5,000 unsold vehicles which have been stock-Russian trade deals and on severe restrictions on the bank's financing of Soviet energy pro-jects involving United States companies, Senate sources piled in the Triumph plants because of picketing can now be

The White House, the sources added, is having to accept the fact that unless it accepts such limitations, which it has bitterly opposed, there is just no chance of the Export-Import Bank Bill being passed by the Congress.

The Bill is vitally important because it extends the life of the bank and grants it lending authority of £25,000m (£10,800m) over the next four years. Since November 30 the bank has been stripped of its authority to make any new Leaders of the Senate and the

Group is putting 3,750 workers on short-time. Four factories in supply the motor manufacturers with lighting equipment will begin operating a four-day week for an indefinite period from House of Representatives will confer on the Bill tomorrow morning for the second time, following the rejection of the final conference report by the Senate vesterdav.

Both houses have, to the dis-

The port of Southampton

came to a virtual standstill yes-

terday because of unofficial

action by crane drivers over

what they consider unduly pro-

tracted pay negotiations. They say they will start work again

All container and most break-bulk cargo operations are stopped, but British Transport Docks Board said last night they hoped to keep roll on-roll off

By Michael Baily

on Friday.

traffic moving.

Shipping Correspondent

Drivers' strike halts port

may of the White House, already agreed that the bank should not be able to make loans of more

than \$300m to United States-USSR trade deals without additional Congressional authoriza-One of the main points at issue now centres on imposing tough restrictions on the bank's lending to energy projects in

Communist countries.

Several major deals are currently awaiting decisions from the bank, including a \$49.5m loan to United States oil companies that have agreed to undertake energy exploration in undertake energy exploration, in conjunction with Japanese com-panies, in Siberia.

Senate sources suggest that a compromise may be reached, which the White House has grudgingly accepted, that would demand that the bank obtains special authorization from Congress for all loans to energy projects above \$25m to just the Soviet Union.

There appear to be strong pressures for such restrictions because of the growing feeling here that the big United States controlled multinational oil companies are striving to obtain cheap credits from the American Government to develop oil wells in Russia that will produce oil that will never come to the United States.

Speaking for one of the lead-

ing users of the port, Union-Castle Line, Mr Geoffrey Bed-ford, director, said: "These

ford, director, said: "These men are only about 150 out of 2,000 dock workers but they

are holding the whole port to

ransom."
Tyneside layoffs: Swan Hunter
Shipbuilders last night laid off
a further 185 workers from their
six Tyneside shipyards bringing
the total laid off as a result
of pay disputes to 5,841. Together with striking electricians

nearly 6.500 of the 10,000 work-

force are now idle.

US shipping law criticized

The Council of European and Japanese Shipowners Associa-tions (CENSA) representing than half the world's merchant shipping, yesterday expressed "deep concern" at the passing this week of the United States Energy Trans-portation Security Act. This reserves 20 per cent of American oil imports to US flag ships, rising to 25 per cent next June and 30 per cent the year

Mr Bob Russell, chairman of CENSA, said the measure, passed by four rotes with six abstentions in the Senate, offended against relations with friendly nations,

'Sharp practices' growing in second-hand car deals

Unscrupulous second-hand car many successful prosecutions dealers are becoming increas- and a further 15 are pending. ingly active as the motor trade tries to reduce stocks of " poor sellers" in anticipation of a fur-

ther recession in sales. This warning came yesterday from the West Midlands Con-

sumer Protection department. It stated that one in seven of all complaints being received relate to second-hand car sales.

Few areas of trade offer as much scope for sharp practices as the sale of second-hand cars.". as the sale of second-nand cars. Since the department was formed in April, it has received nearly 2,000 complaints about second-hand car deals and claims that in a high proportion of these it obtained redress for buyers. There have also been

A high proportion of these cars, the department said, had belonged to companies and could have travelled as much as 50,000 miles in a year compared with the average motorist's 10,000 to 15,000 miles. Such cars were bought cheaply at auctions and, after the bodywork had been polished and their mileage recorders wound back, were often sold as one or two-year-old

low mileage cars.

Another risk for unsuspecting motorists was the multi-deposit trick. The department said dealers took a number of deposits from would-be purchasers than left the years. chasers, then left the area to repeat the process on another site with the same car.

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THE POUND Rises Bank sells 1.77 39.75 86.25 2.295 13.40 8.40 10.45 10p to 210p 3p to 159p 4p to 14p 7p to 106p 5p to 137p 9p to 54p 4p to 100p Marchwiel Martin, R. P. Renwick Grp RHP Union Corp 3p to 27p 5p to 25p 2p to 16p 21p to 20p 14p to 464p Brit Am Tob Australia S Austria Sch Belgium Fr Canada S Dover Eng GKN Hawker Sidd 13.80 8.65 10.75 Denmark Kr Finland Mkk France Fr **Falls** Germany DM Greece Dr 10p to 95p 5p to 60p 1p to 8p 4p to 9p 10p to 430p 1p to 153p 1p to 9p 10p to 100p 3p to 20p 3p to 20p 4p to 28p 5p to 55p 1p to 8p 1p to 6p ARB-Latham Church Corinthian Francis Ind Int Hidgs Houghong \$ 10.70 Plysu Priest, B. Securicor Grp Streeters S & U Stores ltaly Lr Japan Yn 1,565.00 725.00 1,510.00 700.00 Netherlands Gld 6.00 Norway Kr 12.60 Portugal Esc S Africa Rd 56.00 Commodities: Sugar prices lost another £20 a ton with the London daily price now down to £430; a month ago the price was £650. Cocoa futures were mostly lower while coffee falled to hold early gains. Copper eased £2.50 but Equities moved up but trading remained thin. 1.75 1.69 131.25 9.70 5.95 Gilt-edged securities were featured by demand for the "longs". Sterling rose 50 points to \$2.3345. The "effective devaluation" rate was 21.6 per cent. Gold jumped \$6 to \$189.00. 2,33 Yugoslavia Dur 40.75 LME silver rose between 1.55p and 2.5p. Reuters index dropped another 3.9 to 1,186.5

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Mr Simon against excessive stimulus for American economy

From Frank Vogl Washington, Dec 17

Mr William Simon, the United States Secretary of the Treasury, today came out against tax cuts to stimulate the economy and told the Senate's budget committee that "if we turn again to excessive economic stimulus, in an attempt to escape the consequences of our past indulgences, we will only be presented with a larger bill later on ".

Mr Simon recently admitted that a tax cut is under consideration by the Administration, but he clearly attempted today to dampen speculation on

He said in his testimony that there is a serious danger of over-stimulating the economy, that can only produce another round of inflation.

The Treasury Secretary also gave a warning against neglecting inflation at this time of recession. His comments come just tions in the money markets that the Federal Reserve is easing rate by around 0.5 per cent to around 8.5 per cent.

hard at work devising strategies to stimulate the economy and an increasing number of economists believe that the advisers will come out in favour of tax reductions.

The respected Argus Research Corporation states in its latest report that "a tax cut is " and the economists at the First National City Bank appear to take this for granted their latest budget estimates.

Belief that the President will abandon the policies of the "old time religion" of fiscal monetary restraint is based on the now prevailing view that the recession will be deeper. longer and more pervasive than

The latest economic report by Citibank forecasts a current fiscal year Federal budget deficit of \$20,000m and adds that the deficit may be even larger for fiscal 1976, which starts next July 1, because of

tax cuts.
A big worry for Administration officials now is the rising level of bankruptcies. President policies again and that the Fed Ford has shown particular conis lowering its Fed funds target cern about this in recent days and it appears to be one factor round 8.5 per cent. that many experts believe will President Ford's chief econo- change the President's mind on

UK facing 'relegation battle'

Britain is facing a "relega-tion" battle, Mr Ralph Bateman, president of the Confederation of British Industry, said vesterday.

"Somehow we must bring the fierce national and local and competitiveness we see on the sports into the factories of Britain", he said.

Mr Bateman, who speaking at an American Chamber of Commerce lunch in London, suggested that an agreed incomes policy was an essential feature of any recovery programme.

Industry had to be just as competitive as any football team to stay on top and as the country was facing a relegation battle it was up to everyone to give their fullest support and encouragement at this difficult

"Our economic future relative to that of our competitors will depend upon our own behaviour and decisions", Mr

Oil puts 3.5m lire on

From John Earle Rome, Dec 17

Italy's balance of payments deficit will at the end of the year surpass 5,000,000m lire (about £3,000m), of which 3,500,000m lire is because of the higher cost of petroleum, Signor Emilio Colombo, the Treasury Minister, told the Chamber of Deputies in a debate

on the economic situation. Indicating that measures may have to be taken to reduce inessential imports, he said that the government's objective was to eliminate the non-oil deficit next year, leaving an oil deficit for 1975 of 3,200,000 to 3.500,000m lire.

Italy, he said, would have to seek further foreign credits next year. At the end of this year, foreign indebtedness would reach the level of 9,000,000m lire, requiring annual interest payments up to 1978 of some 900,000m lire. Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Budget Minister, said that the economic situation was of un-

Report says promote more women in retail trade

The retail trade should make better use of its staff by employing more female shop managers and by developing managerial talent from the shop floor, recommends a Neddy report on career development in retail distribution published today.

The report concentrates mainly on the job of the shop manager. The job, says the report, has in recent years become more concerned with manmanagement and the operation and control of systems laid down by head office, and less concerned with customer contact and detailed knowledge of merchandise.

Recommendations in the report, carried out because of concern over the shortage of competent shop managers, include a strengthening of ties between the branches and head office in terms of personnel management, career training and better selection procedures.

Chemical plants ahead in productivity

New figures released today from the Census of Production show that the chemicals industry is still ahead of other manufacturers in productivity. The net output per head increased from £3,981 to £6,026 compared with the average over the same period for manufacturing, which was £2,283 in 1970 and £3,476 in 1973.

Over the three years, the chemicals industry shed around 25,000 workers, and now oper-Italy's deficit ates with a labour force of about 400,000, including working proprietors

Yarn output drops

Marked falls in single yarn production, but increased output of woven cloth in October compared with earlier periods, are reported by the Textile Sta-tistics Bureau. The organization said that during the month, industry had been severely affected by short-time working and temporary closure of some

Japan keeps credit grip Mr Teiichiro Morinaga, the Bank of Japan's new governor, said the bank will continue its tight money policy, because re-cession in Japan is still milder than in the West.

German monetary aims A gradual continuation of the downward trend of interest rates in West Germany is preferable to a forced reduction which might bring about a reaction on the capital market, the German federal bank said in its monthly report yesterday.

Government talks on N Sea taxes 'nowhere near completion'

By Christopher Thomas

It now seems unlikely that the Government will reach a decision for many weeks about the rate or structure of the proposed taxation of North Sea oil. Mr Dell, Paymaster-General, told the Commons committee considering the Oil Taxation Bill yesterday: "There have been suggestions that the Government has decided the rate of ment has decided the rate of tax. Nothing could be further from the truth.

"We are nowhere near completion of our discussions with the industry. An enormous amount of evidence has been submitted which will take some weeks at least to analyse.

"I find the consultations of enormous value. I hope they give the industry some confidence that the Government does not intend to adopt policies that will drive them out of the North Petroleum Company in Morocco.

Sea. It is only by mutual cooperation that the riches of the North Sea can be yielded for our benefit."

His first meeting with the oll companies was on November 19. and since then he had daily been receiving evidence, calculations

and comments.

Mr Dell said some oil companies were putting pressure on him not to introduce a variable rate of tax, but a fixed rate. If there was a fixed rate, ways would have to be found of dealing with marginal oil fields. Mr Patrick Jenkin, Opposi-

tion spokesman on energy, urged the Government not to rule out different structures for taxing oil. Morocco takes 50 per cent BP stake: The Moroccan govern-

ment announced in Rabat that it had taken more than 50 per cent of the capital of the British

Staff shortage may hit offshore industry

By Business News Staff

Manpower and training needs of the offshore oil and gas industries must be regularly moni-tored by the Manpower Services Commission says a report* published yesterday. The report makes it clear that the shortterm and long-term implica-tions of offshore development for labour may be complicated. The report, commissioned by

the MSC, says that in the next few years the offshore oil and gas industries face labour gas industries race nanum shortages. There are, states the report, immediate and continuing shortages of geologists, petroleum engineers, drillers Examining related onshore activities, the report says that

an area in which there is particular uncertainty is platform construction. A high level of demand can be expected into the 1980s, but decisions have still to be taken on the type of platform.

There would be important manpower implications if there was a switch from steel-jacket platforms to concrete and hybrid structures.

To place the demand and supply of labour into context the report examines the competing demands being made for the skills which will be required for onshore work.

The main overlaps with steel jacket and equipment skills are the shipbuilding industry and mechanical and electrical engineering construction.

*The Discovery of Offshore Oil and Gas: Manpower Implica-tions. (Manpower Services Com-mission.)

Brussels studies Roche market Brussels, Dec 17.-The EEC

Commission said in reply to a written question that it was still investigating the Hoffmann-La Roche pharmaceurical group's alleged monopoly in supplying Librium and Valium tranquil-

The Commission, which has wide powers to ensure fair competition in the EEC, said that, on the wider question of tranquillizers, it was examining the findings of market definition studies in order to determine the Hoffmann-La Roche group's share of the market.—Reuter.

BMW complies with EEC rules

Motorenwerke has modified the conditions of its contracts with distributors to bring them in line with European Community free compension rules after intervention by the EEC Commission, the Commission said. It said the new form of contract between BMW and its distributors, giving them, among other things, the right to export BMW about it. cars and spares, has now been approved bу

authorities. The Commission said that it accepted BMW's argument that its system of selective distri-butors was justified—Reuter.

Nippon Electric cut

Nippon Electric company (NEC) states that it asked about 300 sub-contractors and factories in its group to help investigation and report is to cut production by 20 per needed.

Cent, to the 1972 level. This is One supermarket executive because of a fall in domestic

period, as incorrectly stated in yesterday's Business News.

Brussels, Dec 17.-Bayerische

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Penguin Books

Penguin Books plans to publish 450 new titles a year over the next three years—not 450 titles in the three-year

makes timely reference to the high cost of packaging in supermarkets. This has always been a burden the consumer has had to bear but now with the scarcity of packaging materials and increasing inflation, the matter is becoming serious and something needs to be done My own field is in fresh fruit

a certain minimum standard;

the rest of us would be encouraged by the size of our

bills to carry out that insulation

the powers that be now wish to

encourage—and to be thrifty if we did not wish to be poor.

M. J. WATSON, 13 Abbey Park Road, Grimsby, South Humberside.

Sir, Mr Norman complains

(December 11) about having to pay for rainwater in his fuel.

Yours sincerely,

From Mr K. Brown

and vegetables. I can say that over many years, methods of low cost distribution have been studied and in recent years systems have been operated suc-cessfully which prove that these high costs now being passed on to the consumer are unnecessary. Mrs Shirley Williams and her department cannot turn a blind eye to this situation and it would appear to me that an

stated on the radio that his company did their own prepack-ing and avoided the problem. This statement was not entirely true and in any case, whoever does the prepacking engages in a labour and materials intensive exercise and inours identical costs. Also prepacking impairs freshness, increases handling damage and some popular

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From Mrs M. J. Watson

Sir, The decision to lift the years ago I objected to paying subsidies from the gas and electricity industries while a price, about £15 a ton for rainwater supplied by the gas company. He should take about a couple

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Taxpayers oug:

to be grateful

Sir, Mr William Goodhart, in

letter (December 12), prot

As he correctly states, un

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the taxation implications transfers of property, : March 25, 1974, clearly w

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otherwise have arisen in case of "quite a number individuals who have n

transfers of value since M

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Government was not re

tal transfer tax.

for Clause 40

From Mr Peter Harris

too strongly.

Poor need heating subsidies

comes. This section of the com-

the elderly poor, women who stay at home to care for aged

surviving.

subsidies from the gas and elec-tricity industries, while making economic sense, will bear very heavily on persons on fixed inof pounds of the wet coke weighed on the kitchen scale munity, consisting, among others, of single parent families, and put it in the oven Gas Mark 1 or 220 F for an hour or two and weigh it again. He parents, and those in receipt of might repeat to ensure that all tiny pensions for disabilities of the water was evaporated. This gives him a very exact percentvarious kinds, are already deprived and in many cases barely age of water. In my case the same experiment showed me When the prices of their heatthat coke stored under cover ing and lighting shoot up their contained about 7 per cent moisefforts at economy could have ture. My wer coke showed over disastrous consequences. No 20 per cent moisture. I assumed generously that 10 per cent might be a reasonable figure for this, and a little very simple arithmetic told me how much I doubt in due course the heating allowances for which one can apply to the Social Security offices will be increased. However, in my work at the Citizens should deduct for the surplus Advice Bureau it is obvious that rainwater. I deducted this many people do not know about the allowances; many that do know would rather freeze than amount from the bill and invited the gas company to sue me for the balance. Suppliers of coke go and ask for them; and the or anything else will never face allowances are totally inadethe court when they can so quate anyway.

Therefore, would it not be better to reverse the present pricing system of gas and electricity (starting high and reducing the more one uses) which was formulated in those halcyon days when John Public was to be encouraged to use as much easily be shown to be in the wrong.

Yours etc. KENNETH BROWN. 30 Shore Street, Anstruther. be encouraged to use as much fuel as possible to a system whereby a certain number of units would be very cheap indeed, and after this to let the

From Mr J. W. Finch Sir, In the words of Mr Bernard Levin, during the articles on his mother's gas geyser, the "top brass" of the gas industry must all read The Times.

price rise very steeply? In this way the poor and the thrifty would be able to keep warm to May I ask them therefore, together with their opposite numbers in the electricity realm, why they see fit to spend our money on advertising their products and services in a variety of publications, and on Independent Television, at a time when we are exhorted to use less energy, and face savage price increases. Yours faithfully,

J. W. FINCH, 91 Farnham Road.

High cost of packaging

Sir, The Price Commission survey published on November 29 image our trade expects to provide, when the housewife's purchases are seen on the kitchen table. ALAN FISHER, The Albert Fisher Group Ltd. Brun Street,

VAT nil returns From Rev C. G. Stables

Sir. Our local fruit and vegetable shop, selling nothing else, and so not liable to VAT, has just been told that a monthly "nil" return is not acceptable. Although the shop has been in-spected by HM Customs officials, the proprietor has to complete every item on the forms, whatever they are, although it will be nil in every case.

Why does Parliament give such authority to minor officials to harass small traders in this way? Already one shop has stopped selling fruit and vege-tables and others may soon follow suit. In a country district with few shops anyway this is a serious matter to the public, if not to officialdom. Yours faithfully,

C. G. STABLES. Framland, Easons Green, Framfield.

Uckfield, Sussex.

26, 1974. Burnley, Lancashire. Yours faithfully, PETER HARRIS. Millstones, Westerham Road, Limpsfield,

Calculating

of motoring

Sir, The letter from Mr D (November 1) is a ty example of how motorists takenly calculate their costs takes only petrol costs account and ignores the l sums represented by depr tion, maintenance costs, i ance and taxation. Inclusio these items would have giv public transport costs.

Yours faithfully, W. P. GRANT, 36 Cowdray Close. Leamington,

Warwickshire.

Central Manufacturing & Trading Group Limited

"Current trading ahead of last year"

reports Norman Hickman, the Chairman. Extracts from the Chairman's Statement and the Report and

Trading Results

Accounts for the year to 31 July 1974.

The year has not been an easy one with industry beset by a variety of problems such as the oil crisis, the miners' strike and the three-day week. However, in spite of these frustrations, further substantial progress, much of it achieved by internal expansion of existing companies, has been achieved. Turnover and profits are again a record with the pretax profit 85.7% ahead at £3,630,054. Earnings per share rose from 6.8p to

A final dividend of 10.26356%, coupled with an interim dividend already paid, makes 20.31356% for the year which is the maximum permitted. Shareholders will also be offered the opportunity of receiving shares in

lieu of the final dividend. Market conditions were generally buoyant throughout the year and the demand for the group's products was

at a consistently high level. Our success, based on high quality service and a wide range of products, entails carrying heavy stocks. Despite our record profits, funds generated were insufficient to sustain the business without recourse to

extra borrowings. With an increase in profits from £0.25m in 1967 to £3.63m in 1974 the group has shown considerable growth and has now emerged as one of the largest suppliers in the country of a large range of industrial

Review of Divisional Activities

Steel Stockholding & Metal Processing

Demand was at a very high level throughout the year and the division had the most successful year in its history with trading profits increasing 107.1%. Despite the difficulty of obtaining many types of steel, turnover increased substantially, and represents a considerable increase in tonnage sales. It is unlikely, however, that conditions during the current year will be as favourable. Ferrous scrap and metal processing experienced a year of booming demand with an explosion of prices. We expect further development and expansion in this sphere in the future.

Asbestos, Rubber, Plastics and Services

This division experienced buoyant demand, once again constrained by a shortage of vital receivals. The order books are at a high level and prospects are sound. We have been appointed Fiat main dealer for their range of commercial vehicles in the industrial West of Scotland.

limiting factors.

Light Engineering Both sales of the division - up 29.6% - and profits up 54.3% - show considerable improvement. The current order book is strong and the recruitment of skilled labour and material shortages are the main

Tubes, Fittings and Fabrications

Despite the shortages of certain types of steel tube and the problems of the three day week, output was maintained at a satisfactory level and the divisional results were highly satisfactory. Current trading is very buoyant and there is every prospect of continued

Drop Forgings and Castings

The year showed a good recovery in profitability but does not yet represent a fair return in relation to capital employed. Orders on hand are the highest ever reached and the growth potential can only be limited by material and labour shortages.

Prospects

Current trading is at a higher level than the same period last year, but there are so many uncertaintles in the economic and political environment that it would be unwise, indeed almost impossible, to make any firm prediction about the current year. However, I believe we are better placed than most to overcome any difficulties and there is little doubt your company will realise better than average growth in sales and



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DIVISIONAL RESULTS	Sales £000	Trading Profit 2000	Turnover £m	36-7	Profit attributable to shareholders	1799	Earnings per share – pence
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Light engineering	2,871	358		18.30		$\hat{z}_{i_{r_{r}}}$	4.8
Tubes, fittings & fabrications	1,734	344					
Drop forgings and castings	1,150	146	72 73	7.7			

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

The City speaks up for self-regulation

Capital Markets Commit-defence of self-regulation the City— and indeed of the arment of Trade's inquiry the management of capital cets that prompted it—is, of se, that the whole topic is se, that the whole topic is ly the major controversial that it still was a year ago. at perhaps is not entirely in the sense this year has several important aspects elf-regulation raise their 5—monthly returns by ers and the size of the com-arion fund, for instance— telf-regulation as a red-hot cal issue has tended to be ced by more basic matters as "weevils" producing and the City's ability to de funds for British

at said, the report is still tant on the assumption capitalism and the stock et are going to survive. ugh one member of the littee has marginally dift views on one or two
ts of the report—nor
the need for some kind of
ory framework for the
—the fact that the come comes down strongly on ide of a continuation of sgulation can hardly be ed a surprise. The nub of gument is that self-regulamy not be perfect, but that a the interest of those who their living from the City ke it work and that there le that encourages the inction of a comprehensive ory framework on the basis r lack of use that the De-ent of Trade has so far of the statutory powers lready exist.

the extent that circumis allow, the debate will use over the coming is. The main danger at age, however, would seem the possibility that the of self-regulation will not on its own and could well, rongly, become inextricentwined in the broader on the relationship of ment and the capital

sh Oxygen re from

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ig litigation notwithstand-British Oxygen is still ng in its acquisition of trolling interest in the States group Airco, nine-month £6.28m conon to associated comprofits was well above epectations and comfortovered the £3.06m interest s on the borrowings to finance the deal. A profit total for the year d-September which was in quence just above the top foutside expectations was sufficient to set the at afire; but a generally performance elsewhere a 27.8 per cem improveat the trading level in theloing offset the effects ficult Australian trading ions—was acknowledged modest ip gain to 201p, the shares yield just 16 per cent.

of course, is British n's big selling point, and cs safe enough for all that er cent increase in interest es excluding those relating to (the total has come up f10.5m to £18.6m) has ably caused some speculaabout the shape of the sheet. Not that this will, case, be comparable with rom 1973, since BOC has ce revalued its cylinders engthened their depreciaime, thus throwing up a ne surplus of £5.2m which en absorbed in accelerated ciation on obsolescent and a switch to LIFO revaluation of cylinders and of certain overseas properties, which should improve the look

of the gearing.

A large part of the borrowings consists of tonnage debentures; even so BOC is cencentrating hard on cash management and redirecting its capital spending accordingly. Meantime, with the group universally cheerful to qualify for refits and these ton current trading experience. on current trading experience, there is no likelihood of the ample dividend cover being being seriously eroded—even if a fall of several points in the rate of sales growth in the final quarter suggests that profits growth this year will by no means be so buoyant.

Capitalization £41.7m Sales £403m (£319m) Pre-tax profits £34.6m (£28.4m) Earnings per share 6.59p (5.55p) Dividend gross 3.31p (3.15p)

holding steady

Marley emerged from the second half all square after a 27 per cent fall in the first, but the true trading recovery was not quite so good as it seems. The first half was badly affected by the three-day week and suffered in comparison with a previous half that took in the pre-VAT buying rush. By contrast the second half of 1972/73 was a relatively dull period, so, averaged out, the second half trend this time was not much

different from the first. In Marley's markets, however, holding steady is no mean feat, and for this the group can thank its increasing build-up in the home improvement and do-ityourself fields. Overall United Kingdom profits were down somewhat, but general buoyancy in home improvements did much to offset the deterioration on the new housing side. Even here, though, Marley reckons it has not been hurt as badly as the housing market as a whole. Public sector building has remained firm and there has been further support, apparently, from a fashion switch away from flat roofs to sloping roofs which use Marley's tiles.

But a p/e ratio of 2.6 and a yield of 13.8 per cent with the shares at 31p are a clear sign that nobody is gambling too hard on Marley's resilience preventing at least some deteriora-tion in 1975. The overseas interests, which were modestly higher last year despite weakness in Eire and Germany, may hold up again this year, but DIY is unlikely to be totally immune to the general malaise. That suggests lower profits in the United Kingdom again, although hardly on a scale to threaten a dividend that is still more than four times covered.

Final: 1973/74 (1972/73) Capitalization £19.7m Sales £133m (£122m) Pre-tax profits £11.4m (£13.5m) Earnings per share 12.1p (13.9p) Dvidend gross 4.27p (3.7p)

Rothmans warning

Rothmans International shares

closed at 141p yesterday, still above the 1973-74 low of 121p though a long way from the

They continue to look unappealing even though the profits reported for the half year to September 30 were better than the market expected. But that is not saying much; sales rose by £17m but pre-tax profits dropped by a dend gives some support we shares at 19p.

Interim: 1974-75 (1973-74)

Capitalization £7.8m

Sales £75m (£64m)

Pre-tax profits £4.3m (£8m)

Earnings per share — (—)

Dividend gross 1.34p (1p)

duarter and tax then took a hefty 641 per cent of what was left. The interim dividend is maintained but the directors warn shareholders of the need to be prudent, and to set the final in the light of the final profit figures.

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This seems a warning to be heeded. Interest on convertible bonds (£4.44m) can only be deducted from United Kingdom profits and these were too small to qualify for relief. It looks as if this applies to the second half year as well. In addition, foreign tax charges have risen appreciably. appreciably.
Interest charges are also on

the increase, pressing ever more heavily on pre-tax profits. The last balance sheet dated March 31, 1974, showed a big jump in short-term borrowings on which interest rates had risen. The trading outlook seems bleak. United Kingdom profits were hit by the March rise in duty, a week-long strike in Ulster and a subsequent trans-

Ulster and a subsequent transport strike. Rothmans specializes in King Size cigarettes and was hit particularly hard.

The group does a big export business especially to the Middle East but costs are rising too fast for it to benefit from currency depreciation. There are tentative hopes of a German price increase in some months time, but too late to help the final figures.

Rothmans is a pure tobacco group without new interests to bale it out; and it has never done as well as its earlier stock market image as a BAT in minia-ture suggested.

The yield on a maintained dividend (which looks a little unlikely) would be 15.7 per cent while the historic p/e ratio is

Capitalization £20m Sales £480m (£463m) Pre-tax profits £14.32m (£19.2m) Dividend gross 0.81p (0.81p)

Montague Meyer dividend prop

Montague L. Meyer is making the best of a bad job. Pre-tax profits all but halved in the first six months of the year, but the group is quick to point out that the results are not really comparable. Meyer's gross margins were well in excess of reference levels after last year's timber boom and this year's further enforced cuts. At trading profit level, a fall from £9.5m to £7.8m hardly looks like the sort of disaster that share ratings in the timber sector. ratings in the timber sector have been awaiting. Indeed it looks fairly good going, bearing in mind that other group's like May & Hassell earlier in the week are taking a very sharp pair of scissors to stock values What has really dented per-

formance is a helty rise in borrowing charges from £0.9m to £2.7m. Some of that is accounted for by the group's recent £10m line of mediumterm credit, but bank borrow-ings will apparently be down in the next balance-sheet. Meyer has been out of the timber market for several months now, and claims that most of the group's stock was purchased well before prices peaked. On the trading front this should stand them in good stead, although the system of forward contracts means that the timber groups only started feeling the pinch in demand last summer. But a yield of 151 per cent on the forecast increase in divi-dend gives some support to the

Motorists are paying the price of Government's fuel conservation

Mr Varley has wasted no time in carrying out his pledge to concentrate oil price rises on petrol for motorists. Yesterday's announcement sets a new record, even by the inflated standards of this year, for the size of increase in the price of a gallon of fuel for the average motorist. Even more important, by end-ing the system of imposing a maximum retail price, he has served notice that the Govern-ment no longer intends to act as

a barrier between car drivers and the full cost of their action. From Friday, as long as they obey the other parts of the Price Code, which restrict such things as their gross profits, service stations will be able to charge what they like. For the garage owners, who have been increasingly squeezed in past months by narrowing mar-gins and sagging turnover, the announcement will come as a

According to the traders, 10 garages have been closing every day because of the squeeze ca their profits, and there have been suggestions that they would start charging for such traditionally free services as putting air into tyres or cleaning windscreens.

It is because of the feeling on the part of many retailers that they have not been getting a fair share of the revenue from petrol sales that there are likely to be price increases considerably above the 10p level foreseen by the Secretary of State in comp parts of the of State in some parts of the country.

The retailers claim that in the past year oil companies have managed to do very well as a result of their privileged connexions with the producer

The Government, which has remorselessly pushed up the tax on petrol as it has once again become freely available, has done even better.

It would have cost about 8p for a gallon of petrol when this 1909 Humber first came on the road. Even the credit card com- panies have all the petrol which could have kept the maximum

banies, which take a percentage of each sale, have been doing fairly well because their commission is calculated on the total amount charged the customer so they effectively receive commission on that part of the price which is accounted for by tax.

None of these consolations are available to the retailers, who have noticed that, as well as having their margins squeezed, the higher taxes have taken their toll on the amount of petrol sold.

Sales are up from the worst days of the Arab oil embargo, when long queues and short-ages at the pumps were the chief constraints. But they have not bounced back with all their old vigour, and the leading oil

they can persuade the public to buy and probably rather

It is uncertainty about how

people will react to higher prices which may make some retailers at least play along with Mr Varley's expressed hope that prices will not go up by more than 10p a gallon.

But it is likely that a large

number of outlets, free at last from the need to hold down their prices to the level the Government sets them, will want to take advantage of their rights, if only as a way of finding the funds for promotional offers and giveaways. The station owners are un-kely to be frightened of Mr likely to be frightened of Mr Varley's warning that he does

price system in operation.
Indeed, raising the cost of private motoring is an indispensable element in the Government's campaign to wake people to the need to conserve fuel and Britain's position as the lowest price country in the Nine (apart from Ireland) has

become rather an embarrass-

ment Even the new prices make only a limited difference to the cost of running a car. The AA estimates the increase at about f35 a year for a family saloon which runs 10,000 miles, an increase of only 41 per cent an increase of only 41 per cent and increase of only 41 per cent on the present cost of £774.

Despite this limited impact on the pocket of the average motorist, the rises remain a companies have begun to edge back into heavy advertising and promotional activity.

Until the next Middle East war comes along, the big com-

Last week the companies were sharply critical of the commission for its handling of claims from six of the leading companies in November. All six, including some that were being made for the second time, were, turned down.

The companies argued that the commission was trying to use technicalities to stop them getting rises to which they were

entitled, but which were embar-rassing so soon after the increase in VAT in the Novem. ber Budget The commission, on the other, hand, argues that the claims were rejected because of failures to observe the prenotification rules embodied in the Price Code.

The key test is likely to come. early next year, when the oil companies have had time to work out the full implications of the decision by Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries members to switch to single pricing system for oil. In doing this, the producers

are consciously trying to cut back on the profits of the oil majors and ensure that extra revenue for producer countries does not result in higher prices for western consumers.

Whether the oil companies will see things in this light, or will try to justify further increases to offset the extra price they will have to pay for crude Whatever they finally decide

to do should provide more in-formation to add to the commission's file on fuel distribution, which will provide the basis of its report to the Government during the New Year.

But whatever conclusions that het that the motorist can expect the price of the gallon in his tank to go nowhere but

problems of job satisfaction. Something has been done by

independent organizations but on the whole Britain has con-

tributed less in this field than

others, such as the United States, the Scandinavian coun-

tries and Holland. The Nor-

wegian Work Research Insti-tute in particular carried through an important three-year programme in the late 1960s.

cludes behavioural scientists,

engineers and industrial rela-

tions experts with practical experience. It will operate on the assumption that satisfying

work must provide some chal-

lenge, variety, an element of discretion and responsibility,

the use of the worker's capa-

bilities, scope for development. The unit offers help to

managers, union representatives and workers to explore together the possibilities of restructuring

work to make jobs more satis-

fying in these ways. The poten-

tial benefits, it is suggested, include reduced labour turn

over and absenteeism, higher

productivity and improvements in industrial relations generally.

The unit also has £180,000 available to sponsor research by universities and other bodies.

in which changes in work organization will be made and

the results watched. Already

projects are under way in ar

electronic engineering assembly

plant and a bakery.

Mr Jessop would like in the next few months to initiate studies among hospital nurses, in the chemical industry, a

chain of garages and among

clerical workers. It is not only assembly line work which can

The work research unit in-

David Blake

Need to understand workers' motives brings more psychologists into industry

portant role in the world of labour. The appointment last labour. The appointment last week of Mr Gilbert Jessop, the Department of Employment's chief psychologist, as head of a new work research unit, marks the beginning of a new stage in their progress in the govern-ment service. Many big companies now employ psycholo-gists, and academic and professional institutions attempt to understand the minds of those

in industry. In a period when the indivi-dual employee and his work group have achieved a new power, independent of their national organizations, it is important to find out what makes them tick. What are the motives which make them at panies, stop work at the drop of a hat? What do they ex-pect of their jobs and the pay and conditions in which they carry it out? What are the causes of frustration which makes men absent themselves from work, or devote only a fraction of their energies to it or frequently change jobs? And what can be done to relieve that frustration?

The ostensible grievances which lead to disputes are often merely symptoms of an under-lying malaise. Even experienced personnel officers are some-times at a loss to know what really lies behind them. The men may not know themselves. It is often hard to see why in one company there is a spirit of cooperation, while in another where pay and conditions are equally good and management no less well-intentioned, there is

Occupational psychologists are known circumstances, but often playing an increasingly im- not why they will react in that way, and therefore not how they will react in slightly different circumstances.

It may well be that the special training and practical studies of the occupational psychologist can help, but the growth in their use has been slow. It is only a few years since occupational psychology was recognized as a separate branch by the British Psychological Society in addition to clinical and educational psychology. To become an occupational scientist entails additional work, much of it in the field, after obtaining a degree in psychology.

Psychologists were brought into the Government by the service departments during the last war. They were the original "head-shrinkers" who who helped to decide for what sort of jobs recruits were suitable. They brough: a different approach to training from that of the sergeant-major.

The Ministry of Defence has since widened the field. The psychologists have been concerned in ergonomics (the study of man in relation to the environment in which he works, and the application of anatomical, physiological and psychological knowledge to problems arising) to ensure not only that aircraft will fly and tanks roll, but they are so designed that the physical and mental strains of piloting and driving them will not be excessive.

By degrees other departments followed the Ministry of Defence, and in 1950 a civil service class of psychologists was set up covering four grades.

Experience may enable a There are now about 250 in close observer to guess fairly the class perhaps half of them well how people will react to occupational psychologists.

prison department of the Home Office, 70 in the Ministry of Defence, 60 in the Department of Employment and its agencies and others in smaller groups.

The chief chief psychologist chairman of the psychologist class management committee, which brings the chief psychologists together every two or three months—is Dr Edgar Anstey of the Civil Service Department. He has 22 psychologists under him operating in three main fields—recruitment and selection, personnel management and organizational In the first, the Civil Service

Selection Board has an established reputation. The person-nel management section has developed its work since the 1968 other things the introduction of annual appraisal interviews between management and staff. is in the organizational studies that the main scope for future development lies. Here Mr Jessop's DE unit will be aiming to increase work satisfaction. The psychologists have the backing of the Civil Service heads in plans to give a greater say to staff in the running of local offices—in which about three quarters of the Civil Service works. Experiments have already started and others will

The Department of Health and Social Security, after job satisfaction studies, have a model office at Swansea where duties have been reorganized to give the staff a controlling say in the way they apply central directives and conse-quently, it is hoped, provide a more flexible and understand-ing service for the public with whom they deal. Such changes are being car-

follow.

About 80 of these are in the ried out with the cooperation of long-term research into the the staff associations where re-lations have not been poisoned by differences over pay.

The Home Office psychologists are concerned mainly with guidance to prison inmates, but they have a more varied role under Mr J. R. Teasdale, in the Employment Service Agency, which recently claimed that before long it would have the largest group of occupational scientists in the country.
It is setting up teams in each of its areas. Most of the agency's

psychologists are employed in the 18 area offices or attached to the 26 industrial rehabilitation units where they have guidance on suitable work. They recently started

series of trials to see whether executive officers can take over units, leaving the psychologists more time to counselling difficult cases, an increasing proportion of which suffer mental rather than physical handicaps. The psychologists are also able under this system to do some outside work which makes their own jobs more satisfying. In the areas, the psychologists help with difficult cases re-

ferred to them by the employ-ment advisers and career officers, visit occupational guidance units and give on the job training to guidance officers. A team at the head office of the agency advises on general policy, the guidance service and training for agency staff which is on a larger scale than ever before. They will also participate in

mostly short-term research, including a programme designed to appraise industrial rehabilitation procedures.

The establishment of the DE unit under Mr Jessop will mean

be changed into something more varied and interesting. Eric Wigham a notable expansion in British

C.L.R.P. INVESTMENT TRUST LIMITED

The following are salient points from the Report and Accounts of the company for the year to 31st August, 1974.

(Chairman: A. G. Touche, F.C.A.)

* In March 1974 the company borrowed US\$3m at a fixed rate of interest for 5 years. The ordinary dividends for the year total 1.25p, an increase of 13.7 per cent. With the tax credit the increase is 18.5 per cent.

The natural resources of Australia give that country excellent long-term prospects. Like Britain with its oil, if it does not eventually flourish, the inhabitants will have only themselves to blame. The November budget shows that the Chancellor understands the problems facing the Western World in general and United Kingdom companies in particular. Unfortunately there is little encouragement of thrift, which is in danger of being destroyed in the United Kingdom by taxation and inflation.

 \star The market values of the twenty largest investments were as follows:

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Jardine Japan Fund Hothlyn Consolidated Gold Fields Lend Lease Shell Transport & Trading Hong Kong & Shanghai Banking General Electric (U.K.) 3M United Kingdom Vaal Reefs Exploration & Mining 103 Barclays Bank
These investments total £2,409,000 or 28.6 per cent. of the portfolio.

British American Tobacco Myer Emporium Broken Hill Proprietary Burroughs Machines Smiths Industries St. Martins Property Corpn.

Ford International Capital Corpn. Anglo American Gold

PROGRESS DURING THE PAST TEN YEARS Total assets

Ordinary shares Year to Gross Earnings less current Dividends Net asset 31st August Income liabilities 1965 and 1969) Value 1965 5,964,429 1969 341,056 8,983,318 1.61 1.3125 52 <u>į</u> 1973 12,669,774 9,370,185 1.43 1.099 1.25

Copies of the Report and Accounts can be obtained from the Secretary, at 3 London Wall Buildings, London EC2M 5PH.

Business Diary: ICI's catalysts •

Christmas destocking tic. Originally it concentrated on Malawi was suggested, but the

scientists from Imperial ical Industries' agriculdivision called at Bucking-Prince Philip the £25,000 obert Award for 1974—Council of Engineering utions' award for innovatechnology which con-es to "the national ee and prosperity of the ge and prosperity of the d Kingdom". y are Tom Pearce, George er, Phineas Davies, John gher and Derek Corn-

Jack Callard, ICI chairreceived a gold medal HRH Prince Philip (the president) on behalf of eveloper company. ir contribution was to "high activity cata--substances which effi-trigger chemical re-in methanol and y trigger chemical re-is in methanol and inia plants. The ICI team ned and made new cata-which permitted lower-ure (and hence more

mical) processes. enty-three of the 29 new anol plants which have designed or constructed ince 1966 use the rocess. In licence fees and vat sales, they have brought

old rush

the 12th Day of Christmas Inited States intends to un-2 million ounces of gold o the market. There are that this will depress the market price of gold, but ghted gold speculators are dv discounting this. ey have their eyes firmly i on January, 1976, for that

year is the bi-centenary of the American Republic, and who knows how many commemora-tive medallions, coins and other items of gold memorablia will be struck in remembrance. If every American citizen and the United States population is now estimated to be 210 million, were to buy only 4 ounce of gold, this would equal a demand for more than 50 million ounces of gold. So who's worried about a "glut" of 2 million ounces next month?

Even though the European Commission has indefinitely postponed the battles of the British loaf and the British pint, there remains one more bone of contention—British cat

bone of contention—British cat and dog food.

Mr Donald Mathias, chairman of Pedigree Petfoods, the Mars subsidiary, is from New Year's Day to be the first British president of the European Pet Food Manufacturers' Association. He succeeds Mr Tom Zaaijer of Quaker Oats Graanproducten, the Netherlands.

based perfoods together with cereal based animal feedstuffs. and thus restricts the use of certain additives and colourings

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producten, the Netherlands.
One of Mr Mathias's jobs as One of Mr Mainias's Jobs as president is to press for a greater understanding on the part of the Brussels mandarins of the interests of pets—or at least of pet food manufacturers, for are these not the same?
In particular, the manufacturers are after a rethink of a directive which lumps meat-

tion's third president and first from Britain. Since the British association, of which he is also chairman, joined the association three years ago, the European body changed from a collection of companies to one of national associations, and thereby licensed to treat with the com-

His appointment mirrors the strength of the British pet food market. Our national Pet Food Manufacturers' Association esti-mates that the European turnover of the pet food industry is about £300m, only twice the British national total.

Energetic

At least one organization is finding the energy and economic crisis a time for growth. Preliminary estimates by the Fulmer Research Institute at Stoke Poges, near Slough, show turnover at the end of the year to be more than film seasons? to be more than £1m against

£760,000 last year. .

Allowing for inflation of wages and overheads this is almost 50 per cent up on the annual rate of growth of the past few years.
Fulmer is unusual among the independent scientific laboratories offering to do research for industry and government departments on a contract basis. It is owned by a body of profes-It is owned by a body or protes-sional scientists, the Institute of Physics, which bought the laboratories some years ago on the suggestion of Sir James Taylor, a former chairman of the Royal Ordnance Factories

certain additives and colourings essential to the intrests of pets as perceived by pet food manustrates of engineering materials, facturers.

Mr Mathias is the associa
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light engineering and aircraft materials before expanding its team of metallurgists, electron-microscopists, chemists, physi-cists and engineers to explore a wider range of industrial prob-

One of their most important One of their most important new projects, known as the "Fulmer materials optimizer", is a scheme to help design engineers to select less energy-consuming materials for their work. Methods of analysis have been developed for measuring the energy intensiveness of a material from the moment of extracting an ore right through extracting an ore right through its processing and forming or forging stage to make a component.
The retiring chairman is Bill

Merton, who is now chairman-designate of Robert Fleming Holdings Merton joined Fulmer in 1945 as a board member, when he was scientific adviser to Erlangers bank. His successor, John Rose

comes from a research and in-dustrial career with ICI, being ICI's research development director and a main board

Points of venue

The choice of Dakar as the site of today's ministerial meeting of the 46 developing countries who are negotiating a new trade and aid agreement with the EEC was by no means lightly agreed.
Originally it was felt that, since the final signing of the agreement early next year was

prospect of Blantyre and Dr Banda aroused something less than enthusiasm. Then someone suggested Fiji

—a more appealing idea, but really, it was eventually con-ceded, rather a long way to go for a three-day meeting.

Finally it was agreed that
Addis Ababa should be privileged. Came the bloody phase the revolution, and clearly Addis was out.

chosen as a compromise.

Weevil-minded The Christmas spirit has at last

rapidly oversubscribed, with badges changing hands at the close at a bid price of 25p, compared with the offer price Even the offer price, as one

Ever anxious to help, Idi Amin offered Kampala. Natur-Amis offered Kampaja. Naturally, however, there was no great enthusiasm to give anything looking like a seal of approval to his regime.

Eventually, at the last minute, French-speaking Dakar was

of the Stock Exchange, where there was hectic trading in an there was hectic trading in an unusual new issue yesterday. This was of a badge inscribed "I am a weevil. Harold hates me." It refers to remarks made last month by the Prime Ministgr about people who sold shares short during the August Stock Exchange panic panic.
The 1,000-badge issue was

of 10p. wag pointed out, was dearer than British Leyland shares. The one day issue, a bit of free enterprise by some high-spirited jobbers and brokers.

raised £120 for charity.

IMPERIAL CONTINENTAL **GAS ASSOCIATION**

Interim Statement

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Consolidated Results	Half Year to	Half Year to	Foli Year to
(unaudited)	39.9.74	30.9.73	31.3.74
-	£.000	£ 000	£*000
Turnover	28,312	19,525	58,096
Trading Profit	3,738	3,160	10,638
Depreciation	2,509	1,900	4,239
	1,221	1,260	6,399
Income from Investments	122	114	4,547
Interest (net)	(918)	(688)	(1,557)
Eroup Profit before Taxation	425	686	9,389
Taxation	335	301	4,970
Group Profit after Taxation		385	4,419
Minority Interests	21	36	95
Profit attributable to I.C.G.A.	69	349	4,324

The consolidated results are those of the Association and its subsidiaries excluding its Belgian subsidiaries.

Belgian subsidiary companies are not consolidated in accordance with the dispensations granted by the Department of Trade.

The taxation charges relating to the half year to 30th September, 1973 have been adjusted to take account of the increase in the U.K. Corporation

Interim Dividend

The Directors have declared an interim dividend for the year ending the 31st March, 1975 of 2.68p on £34,147,999 Ordinary Capital Stock costing £915,166; this is equivalent to a gross dividend of 4%. The dividend will be paid on the 2nd April, 1975 to stockholders on the register at the close of business on the 21st February, 1975 and compares with the gross interim dividend paid on the 2nd April, 1974 of 6% on £17,067,863 Ordinary Capital Stock which cost £716,850 net. The Capital of the Association was doubled as the result of a capitalisation issue during

The Directors cannot emphasise too strongly that the results shown for the half year provide no guidance concerning the probable results for the year. Apart from income from General Investments, which is relatively insignificant, the Association's investment income is derived from dividends from Belgian companies, all of which are booked in the second half of the financial year. Present indications are that the Group share of earnings after tax of the Belgian subsidiary companies will, in terms of Belgian Francs, be appreciably greater than that for 1973/74.

Of the United Kingdom subsidiaries the Calor Group's turnover for the half year increased by 45% over that for the same period last year, but the level of trading profit rose by only 21%. This reflects mainly the effects of heavily increased material costs and of U.K. Government price controls. Income from Calor's newly expanded activities in the U.S. will now fall into the second half of the financial year due to delay in the maize harvest caused by drought. Rises in both depreciation charges and financing costs have accentuated the normal seasonal first half trough resulting in a pre-tax loss. However, the Directors expect that with normal winter conditions and barring a major economic disruption, the full year to March, 1975 will show an improvement over 1973/74.

The value of gas and liquids sold from the Hewert Field by Century Power and Light Limited rose by 15% but trading profits before depre-ciation and financial charges increased by only 2% owing to cost escalations not yet reflected in sale prices.

The charge for taxation has been calculated at the provisional rate of 52% but certain losses of overseas subsidiaries in the first half year do not give rise to a corresponding tax offset. However, it is expected that these losses will be offset by profits arising in the second half of the year.

Under the present legislation the maximum total dividend payable for the year ending the 31st March, 1975 will be 6.855775p which is equivalent to a gross dividend of 10.2325%. Provided that circumstances do not change unduly your Directors intend to recommend the maximum permitted

As previously reported, negotiations have been taking place at the request of the Belgian Government for the rationalisation of the Belgian electricity industry and the Directors of the eight private enterprise companies engaged in the industry have now agreed in principle to regroup into three companies by the 30th June, 1975. Although the final terms have yet to be settled, the agreement in principle provides for the Association to have a major shareholding, but not a controlling shareholding, in an enlarged company engaged in production, transmission and distribution, which will result from the merger of certain other emities with Electrogaz.

BOC Profit Results

British Oxygen

Year to 30th September 1974

Sales of BOC and its subsidiaries Operating costs	1974 £'000 403,424 338,335	1973 £'000 319,123 262,806
Depreciation	65,089 19,694	56,317 18,319
Add: BOC share of associated companies' profits	45,395 7.779	37,998 891
GROUP TRADING PROFIT	53,174	38.889
Europe Africa America Asia Pacific	21,788 8,745 9,302 2,226 11,113	18,128 6,845 1,452 1,976 10,488
Interest	53,174 18,539	38,889 10,511
GROUP PROFIT BEFORE TAX Tax	34,635 17,444	28,378 13,938
Minorities	17,191 3,664	14,440 3,058
	13,527	11,382
Less : Extraordinary losses (profits) net, after tax	906	(1,080)
AVAILABLE FOR DISPOSAL	12,621	12,482
Dividends—Preference —Interim ordinary —Proposed final	86 1,661 2,855	95 1,638 2,849
Profit retained ·	4,602 8,019	4,582 7,880
	12,621	12,462
Earnings per 25p share (203,938,447 fully paid ordinary)	6.59p	5.55p

A revaluation of cylinders has been carried out by our major companies and a change made in cylinder depreciation policy based on current replacement costs and a revised assessment of durability. These changes produced a revenue surplus of £5.2 million. We have used this opportunity and absorbed the surplus by accelerating depreciation of obsolescent plant, the adoption by some Group companies of the LIFO or similar method of stock valuation and by other financially prudent measures.

A capital surplus arising from the revaluation of cylinders and of certain properties overseas has been taken direct to reserve and amounts to some £20 millions.

The BOC share of associated company profits includes £6,276,000 from Airco Inc. and interest paid on the related borrowings amounted to £3,062,000.

Research and development costs of £3,558,000 (1973: £3,380,000) have been absorbed against regional trading.

Your directors recommend a final dividend of 1.4p as last year per 25p ordinary share making a total of 2.216025p for the year (1973 2.205p).

Books closed for the final dividend and reports and accounts to shareholders, 28 February; posting of final dividend warrants 1 April: shareholders' meeting 25 March.

Further copies of this report may be obtained from the Secretary, The British Oxygen Company Limited, Hammersmith House, London, W6 9DX Tel: 01-748 2020.

FINANCIAL NEWS

Growth in Belgian market holds key to year's earnings of IC Gas

another record year, with pretax profits likely to grow from 29.39m to probably something above £11m.

The figures for the six months to end-September are, as usual, almost meaningless as Calor Gas only ticks over during the sum-mer months, while dividend income from the Belgian activiclosing half.

At Calor Gas, turnover expanded 45 per cent to £27.8m and trading profits by 21 per cent to £3.52m. But after a sharp linked tariffs on the servincrease in interest and supplied by the companies. depreciation charges, last time's

Cranleigh

loss after

to August 31.

profit, sales of Seddon Diesel investment, £88,000 profit, overprovision for loss on sales of subsidiaries profit of £45,000 (loss of £107,000), provision for loss on Secil Properties, £296,000, loss on shares

Capital Radio, one of the two

ondon commercial radio sta-

cions, has linked with Thames Television in a joint advertise-ment selling exercise. Rate cards offering a combination of television and radio spots are to

be mailed out to advertisers and agencies this week.

The package includes radio

The package includes radio advertisements in Capital's morning and early afternoon peak histening hours with evening television spots. It is aimed at local advertisers such as retailers and entertainment promoters. Bookings will be

handled by either partner but Thames will deal with central-

The link between the two

a surprise since commercial

radio was initially regarded as

a direct competitor to the ITV contractors. However, the cut-

backs in off-peak TV pro-

gramming means that there is

little overlap in the advertise-ment times offered.

mits to substantial overspend-

ing in setting up the station, is continuing its negotiations for additional finance. Initial shareholders were Dominiast with 32.5 per cent, Local News

of London with 15 per cent, Rediffusion with 15 per cent, Evening Standard with 11 per

cent and The Observer with

8.50 per cent. It is not yet known whether the extra funds

will come from these or from new shareholders.

Despite large cutbacks by established users, the advertis-

ing industry enjoyed unexpec-tedly buoyant gross sales in November. Results compiled by

Media Expenditure Analysis

Business appointments

Mr Donald Mathias, chairman of the Pet Food Manufacturers' Asso-ciation, and chairman of Pedigree Petfoods, has been elected presi-dent of the European Pet Food Manufacturers' Association.

Mr C. J. Pumphrey has joined the boards of Carliol Investment Trust and Tyneside Investment

Mr John Hitchcock has been appointed to the board of Salter

ndustrial Measurement. Mr H. Dalton-Brown, manager

of Johannesburg Consolidated Investment Company and chair-man of Otilhase Mining Company (Pty) of South West Africa and the Shangani Mining Corporation.

has been appointed to the board

or Johnnes ...

Mr Gerry Lawler has joined the board of Cymru Bulldings.

Mr Len Merchant has become a director of Libra Computing.

Mr Michael Adams joins the board of Foster Brothers Ciothing.

Mr Jack D. Newell has been proprieted contracts director of

appointed contracts director of Industrial Energy Costs.

Dr Milorad Maksimovic, an executive director of Harris &

Dixon, has additionally been appointed as managing director of

Veritas Insurance of Lagos.

Mr Penton Robb has become director of marketing for Scottish

Primary Contact Limited 2

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New chief for Lloyd's

Aviation Underwriters

Mr Alun Davies has been elected chairman of Lloyd's Aviation Underwriters' Association. Mr Neill Hill becomes deputy chairman.

Mr Derek Moon has been appointed managing director of Gartard Engineering.

Mr Donald Mathias, chairman of the Pet Food Manufacturers' Association, and chairman of Pedigree Petfoods, has been elected president of the European Pet Food.

Mr Alun Davies has been elected chairman of United Kingdom Metal Wining Association. Mr Beville Pain becomes vice-chairman.

Mr B. M. Thornton has been appointed commercial director at Walter Lawrence & Son (Roldings).

Mr J. H. Bancroft and Mr Inre Elek have been made additional directors of West Cumberland Silk Mills.

Buoyant sales

ized accounting.

Thames TV and Capital

Radio link in sales drive

media comes as something of 1973. The industry, however, is

Meanwhile Capital, which ad- cuts range from shortages of

tive pressures.

Despite a small setback at reversed into a loss of £77,000. mid-term, the Imperial Continental Gas Association is set for an overall improvement is

to break even.

Earnings from Belgium, which come chiefly from the Electrogaz and Antwerpse Gas. gas and electricity distribution income from the Belgian activities is booked only in the around 25 per cent. This arises from the strength of the Belgian franc against sterling and from higher profits on the indexlinked tariffs on the services Century Power and Light,

pretax profit of £203,000 was where IC Gas has a 59 per cent reversed into a loss of £77,000. stake, was hit by escalating For the remainder of the year, costs, but a 15 per cent increase in turnover is budgetted for in the full year; this should push gross profits some £50,000 ahead to £540,000.

More important, however, is Government's eventual decision on tax on the North Sea oilfields where Century has a 9 per cent stake in the Maureen field and an undisclosed holding in the key Andrew field.

The interim dividend is being raised from 3p to 4p gross and the final will be increased by the maximum possible, indicating a total for the year of 10.2p (9.05p).

J&HB Jackson tops £1m with momentum held special items

curve last year after two lean Gloomy news from Cranleigh Group, apart from steps to disperiods, and more optimistic at midway after successfully riding continue its investment and over the troubles of the threefinancial division, as fore-shadowed in October, is that day week, J. & H. B. Jackson maintained its interim spurt throughout the full term to September 30. This group of shadowed in October, is that although a pre-tax profit is returned of £772,000 against £1.12m, after deduction of extraordinary items of £832,000 (against £69,000) the "attributable" loss amounts to £470,000 compared with a profit of £542,000. Turnover was up from £8.04m to £9.19m for the year to August 31. steel and non-ferrous merchants turns in taxable profit 20 per cent higher at £1.34m (beating £1m for the first time), on turn-over also up at the same rate to £10.43m. Earnings per share work out at 3p compared with 2.7p. The extraordinary items are made up of surplus on conversion of loan stock, £161,000 profit, sales of Seddon Diesel

The board is not recommending a final dividend (against 0.2p) for the year past as the maximum payable is less than 1 per cent gross. Therefore, the total comes out at 0.603p against 0.575p. However, it will pay an interim dividend for the year to September 30, 1975, of 0.5p,

Advertising

& marketing

penditure on press advertising

and 12 per cent in television advertising compared with the

same month last year.

The comparative results are distorted by rate increases and

discounts but nevertheless indi-

cate a real increase on last year.

The November figures bring the total for the year so far to between 2 and 3 per cent below

Schweppes, Heinz and Unilever

have sharply reduced their spending on advertising this year. The reasons given for the

packaging materials to competi-

Food manufacturers account for between 35 and 40 per cent

of television advertising expen-

diture and widespread reduc-tions could have serious implications for ITV contrac-

The Butlin group is battling for an increased share of the British holiday market next year with a £500,000 television

and press advertising campaign. The Ladbroke Group is also planning an intensive advertising drive to promote its recently acquired holiday centres.

. Mr Peter Sutcliffe has been made sales director of Diamond

Shamrock Chemicals.

Mr R. J. W. Crabbe and Mr
D. J. Welch have become directors of Sterling Credit Group. Mr
Crabbe is chairman of Provident
Life Assurance and Mr Welch a

director of Bankers Trust Inter-

Mr John Rothwell, a director of Lowndes Lambert (Northern),

has been appointed a director of H. B. Williams, Reeves.

Mr Derek Hayes and Mr Clifford Sandelson have resigned as directors of Orme Develop-

Mr George Ashton has been elected president of the British independent Steel Producers

Association.

Following Mr D. M. Rhead's election as chairman-designate of LCP Holdings, he relinquishes the office of financial director and chairmanship of the engineering sub-group which is now to be constituted as a separate division. Mr D. B. Clark is appointed to the main board as financial director and Mr M. H. Craddock is elected chairman of the engineering division.

Association.

ing division.

Patricia Tisdall

Holiday campaign

Having regained its growth payable on March 11, on which a cash/scrip option is proposed. the stock appreciation proposals outlined in the recent Budget were about £170,000 for the year past, under which they have risen in value from £1.3m to £2.86m.

For the year ahead, momentum gathered in the final six months of the preceding year continues in the open-ing two months of the present

W Motor pass interim
Continuing to experience
difficult times profits of
Western Motor Holdings fell from £159,000 to £46,000 in the half to June 30. In the previous 12 months the decline was from £414,000 to £343,000. The dividend is passed, against

Bates pays £1.3m for control of French bank

By John Plender

Edward Bates & Sons (Holdings) is to pay around £1.3m for a controlling interest in Pom-mier et Cie, a small French bank which specializes in discounting trade bills. Subject to Pommier becoming a limited company, the purchase should take place before the year end. Agreement in principle to acquire a 73 per cent stake in Pommier from Banque Saint Phalle was reached over a year ago, but formalities have proved lengthy, a spokesman for Bates said last night. Medium-term dollar finance was arranged for the deal with London banks at the time of the original nego-

tiations, he added. A further 18 per cent of Pommier is controlled by its president, M Christian Pommier and the shares are traded in the over-the-counter market in Paris. Bates is paying Fr120 a share compared with a recent quote of Fr80. The company has a balance sheet footing of just under £10m and made net profits of around £76,000 in the year to December, 1973.

Bares, which recently sold its Welfare Insurance subsidiary at a book loss of around £91m, is

hoping to build up international business in the French company and to increase its corporate financing activities.

Alcan's Norway sale through

The sale of half of Alcan Aluminium's holding in the Ardal og Sunndal company, to Norway for \$62m in cash has been approved by the Norwegian Government and will now

Greenall Whitley kee record intact with marginal rise to £5.11

The result of Greenali Whitley, the largest of the regional the situation may be rel brewers, for its last full period, is rather better than expected

in that profits were ahead, albeit only marginally.

In the 12 months to September 27 profits of the group, which operates throughout the North-West, North Wales and also in part of the west Midlands, rose by £30,000 to a re-cord £5.12m pre-tax. But having been 14 per cent ahead at halfway (a rise in the price of beer helping to offset rising costs over the initial half) the return from the second six months was down from £3.01m to £2.74m.

If the trend is down the to some extent by another increase, notification of ; is currently before the Commission.

Coming from turnover creased from £47.3m to £ the pre-tax is struck afte cost of repairing prope which rose from £1.371 £1.71m, depreciation maint at £1.3m and interest ch of £1.16m (£1.09m). Ear were 5.11p (6.14p) and a dividend of 1.88p raise total from 2.69p to 2.97p.

Fenner geared up for expansion

In the wake of last year's good performance, power-trans-mission engineers and conveyorbelting specialists J. H. Penner reckon to be "well equipped to cope with any problems ahead"; and Mr Joseph Palmer, chairman, is confident that the group will continue to prosper. At home Fenner enjoyed buoyant conditions last year, and the board is still cheerful about the outlook here, particu-larly now that the recent slackening in the order intake in the materials handling divi-

Performance abroad "even more striking", t to " a substantially widene increased penetration".

End-year overdrafts st from £863,000 to £2.4n finance a big increase in st but gearing is still rela low, and the directors are fident of the company's : to finance a big capital-spe programme.

David Brown int recently acquired an 11. cent stake in the group; R has 116 per cent.

Property Hidg & Inv Income for the first half year declined from £815,000 to £727,000 at Property Holding & Investment Trust, after higher interest charges of £370,000 (£258,000). Earnings a share are down from 3.39p to 3.07p.

sion appears reversed.

Danks Gowerton Announcing a rise in it.
pre-tax profits from £2
to £347,000, Mr A. Roe,
man of Danks Gowerton that the board's aim is pand turnover and profi Sales advanced by 26 pe to £4.28m. Group finance sufficient to sustain its p

while the interim dividend is held at 1.75p net. The board intends to raise the year's total growth, and orders are from 4.5p to 4.75p. The Woolwich

"Society's immense financial strength"

Speech by the Chairman, Mr Alexander Meikle, CBE, CA, FBS, to the 127th Annual General Meeting of the Members held at the Connaught Rooms, Great Queen Street, London WC2, on Tuesday, 17th December 1974.

The past year has been one of changing fortunes.

Interest rate changes extremely apprehensive about the early part of next year. Many large food manufac-turers including Cadbury

There had been in the preceding July, that is to say in July 1973, the altogether unprecedented increase in Bank Rate (or Bank of England minimum lending rate, call it what you will!) from 71 per cent to 111 per cent. Inevitably this led to a fall in the flow of funds to the Society and an increase in withdrawals. Your Board met this situation by raising the rate of

interest on the Society's ordinary share accounts as from 1st October 1973, the first day of the year under review, from 62 per cent to 7½ per cent (basic rate income tax being paid by the Society). The initial response to this increased rate was good, producing a net inflow of new capital at about the rate we had been accustomed to earlier in the

However, on 13th November 1973 the Bank of England once again raised its minimum lending rate, this time to 13 per cent. The effect on the Society's funds was much a repetition of the previous July experience. A good deal of money was attracted away from building societies by the

rates offered by local authorities and also by the competition of income bonds which was not corrected until the Chancellor's Budget in March Your Board preferred not to raise the rates of interest then offered to investors as this would have required a still further increase in the

already historically high rate of 11 per cent being charged to borrowing members. Nor did we consider it appropriate in the then prevailing financial climate to run down our resources of cash and investments. Indeed throughout this difficult period the Society maintained substantial balances on call or at short notice with banks in addition to our holdings of very short-dated Government securities so that large sums of money were always available if required. And so we were able to meet the position when the savings inflow was matched by withdrawals; we were obliged to cut back our new lending to a level which we felt could be supported by repayments of capital by borrowers, together with interest which our investors leave with us to be added to their capital. We were thus much restricted in the volume of new mortgage business which we could entertain but business did go on and our new advances continued at a level of £100 million per annum.

Government loan

Against this background the Board welcomed the offer by the Government to make available to building societies in the five months from April to August 1974 a loan of, in all, £500 million on condition that participating societies did not increase their main borrowing and lending rates of interest. The Society took its share of these temporary loans. By 30th September £20 million had been received and a further £14 million was received thereafter, of which total £6½ million has already been repaid.

Investment Certificates

In May 1974 an issue of Investment Certificates was announced by the Society. These Certificates offer a return of I per cent above the rate payable from time to time on the Society's ordinary share accounts to the investor who is prepared to commit his capital for two years. The present rate of interest on these Certificates is, therefore, 81 per cent with income tax at the basic rate paid by the Society and the issue has been successful both in attracting new money and in adding to the stability of our capital structure.

These measures - the Government loan and Investment Certificates together with an easing in the level of short-term interest rates enabled us to increase substantially the volume of new mortgage business in the second half of our year.

In the result, advances for the year totalled £137 million. A disappointing figure when compared with the total of £217 million in the previous year; but a considerably better figure than seemed possible in the early part of the year. At the year-end the volume of mortgage business awaiting completion in the normal course had increased to \$50 million. In all we were able last year to help some 20,000 families to buy their

Total assets exceed £1,000 million

It is pleasant to record that, in this difficult and testing year for all financial institutions, the Society's total assers passed the milestone of £1,000 million. The Society celebrated its Centenary in 1947 when the total assets reached 450 million. Seven years later in 1954 they had doubled to 4100 million;

and now twenty years on they have increased tenfold to fr.000 million. The number of our members, investing and porrowing has now passed one million. At the end of the year our liquid balances amounted to

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not unduly high in these uncertain times. I want it ticular to underline that these balances were and an liquid. More than £98 million was held in giltsecurities which despite very adverse Stock Ex-prices had a market value of £95 million. Our i ments are predominantly short-dated and he redemption value of £104 million. Indeed most of securities could have been realised without any i the Society. It is a measure of their strength the remains the position today despite the substantial f fall in the index of Government securities since th of our Balance Sheet. The remainder of our investi some £84 million, were held at seven days' notio banks and local authorities or in bank certifica

The balance of revenue for the year was £1,008, which was added a surplus realised on invest during the year of £1,628,000 and against whic charged a transfer of £390,000 to our Staff Pension Fund. Ther the General Reserve at the year-end amounted to £32,687,000.

Although I speak so confidently of the Society's immense fin strength and, indeed, with satisfaction at the way it has coped with problems of the past year, we are not complacent nor are we oblive " the problems of others. We know only too well the difficulties private housebuilders, with numbers of completed and unsold hou . . their hands and new house starts falling to a reported 20-year low at . in September last, compared, for example, with a monthly average c 19,000 in 1972. It has been and continues to be our policy to mair generous allocation of mortgage funds to assist the purchase o houses. Builders everywhere will doubtless be encouraged by the c improved availability of building society funds and I hope ere long a like improvement in new house sales and starts.

First-time purchasers

deposit

We are also concerned about the problems facing first-time pure after the upsurge in house prices in 1972/73. But let there be no mi first-time purchasers are not all young couples, nor are all the people unable to help themselves. Our own current experience show only some 40 per cent of, let me call them, 'first-timers' are under at of age and, taking the country as a whole, the average price paid by young people was little short of £8,000 towards which they provid

average a deposit of £1,200.

First-timers (of all ages, including some well over 50 years courtently account for around 50 per cent of all our new advances. I few of these cases, only I in 6, is the borrower's personal stake property less than 10 per cent. Seldom is the period of repayment mortgage more than 25 years, and very rarely indeed above 30 years the case of young couples a much shorter period is often selected start in order to run the mortgage down that much more quickly wh wife continues at work, the period being extended - thus reduci and account of the period being extended - thus reducing the period being the period mortgage repayments - if her earnings cease.

In brief we are doing all we can to assist first-time purchaser those with mortgage problems are most welcome to discuss them with managers and staff at our branches.

The current year

Our present interest rate structure which, as I have already said, or mainly of the combination of a (net) ordinary Share interest rate of cent with a mortgage interest rate of 11 per cent is serving our need adequately for the present. Investments with the Society have beer buoyant since the start of our new financial year on 1st October at demand for home loans is also on a high level. In the two months to November new advances exceeding £40 million were made to

I would add that over the whole field of our mortgage busine average ratio of our advances to purchase prices is well below 60 pe. A typical borrower is prepared and usually prefers to put as much

None of us can foretell the next movement in interest rates gen But while our 71 per cent (net) Share interest rate continues to prolevel of investment business which enables the Society to maintain its strong liquid position and a satisfactory outflow of home loar provided there is no material adverse change meantime in the rate payable by the Society nor further serious falls in the Stock Exc prices of Government securities we do not expect to have to in during our current financial year the present mortgage interest :

We say this in the light of our high balance of Reserve and of despite rising costs, remains our reasonable ratio of management exp And I assure you that as always the policy of the Board will be c safe and cautious

afe and cautious.

I shall submit to you a separate resolution concerning the exwerk of our staff during the past year. Meantime I Annual Accounts for the year ended 30th Sept-1974 certified by Messrs Jackson, Pixley & Con Chartered Accountants, the Society's Auditor

> The Vice-Chairman, Sir Oliver Chesterton. second this motion. (The resolution having been seconded was duly car

(182 million representing 17.42 per cent of total assets. This is a higher ratio than we are accustomed to see but محداً من الأصل

Increase

Fromising first-half profits well ahead of the £73,000 phieved last term, machine tool perchants W. E. Norton lave informed even better than expeed, with much more than jubled profits. On turnover invased from £10 to £2.75m, rabble earnings bounded from 3,000 to £185,000 for the half September 30 and the "available" from £34,000 to £89,000. The half ime payment is 0.45p ainst 0.37p on which there are givers on 1.76 million shares. For the rest of the year all pears to be going well. Inming orders continue at a shell 12 months to March 31 and the better than any prequesty reported.

Normand to rally from £383,000 to £384,000 before ax at Normand Electrical Holdings prompted a decline in the share price yesterday, although the board predict that profits for the full year should be similar to the £6655,000 record well.

iterim peak

Torning in a record £1.5m at year, Cooper Industries, the dlands steel, engineering and ilding group, maintained the ce in the opening half to tober 31 with best-ever half-ne earnings. Pre-tax profit panded 14 per cent to 37,000, on turnover 26 per nt higher at £12.09m. The erim dividend is 0.52p against adjusted 0.49p, and it is bected that the final will be maximum permitted.

Fax figures are omitted be-

fax figures are omitted be se substantial group and sortium relief will be availe which cannot be accurately miffied at present. Bur the charge will be minimal. It also expected that deferment tax in excess of £250,000 will obtained by stock relief pro-

t Factors

announcing taxable profits last term up 46 per cent to 6,000 Mr John McQueston, urman of International Fac-3 (75 per cent owned by yds & Scottish and 25 per n by First National Bank of ton), told shareholders the ume of business handled rose £102m with the international accounting for 26 per cent-nings were up from 24.7p 31.9p a shares.

Diffusion-Shipton ound Diffusion has sold back Bankers Trust International

An interim slip in profits from £383,000 to £364,000 before tax at Normand Electrical Holdings prompted a decline in the share price yesterday, although the board predict that profits for the full year should be similar to the £665,000 record achieved last year.

Sharcholders will be paid an interim of 1.17p, against 1p gross, and the final is also to be raised by the maximum

be raised by the maximum allowed by the Treasury. Order books are strong for the rest of the year, and production is being stepped up.

Lindsay & Williams leaping ahead

The revitalised Lindsay & Williams is consolidating its return to the dividend list by adding a second interim of 1.49p to that already declared, bringing the total for the 10 months to October 31 to 2.98p (against 2p for the whole of

Taxable profits for the 10 months are £250,500, against £29,000 for the whole of last year, and include an exceptional profit of £58,000.

The board would like shareholders to receive some further benefit when the final figures are in, and subject to Treasury consent, a final is to be paid. There will also be a dividendscrip option.

Pilkington-St Gobain venture postponed

Plans of British glassmaker
Pilkington Brothers for a £29m
float glass plant in Sweden to
be built at HalmIstad received
a setback yesterday with news
that negotiations with SaintGobain-Pont-a-Mousson, its



Norton: Indications of a record year.

French rival, had been broken off. According to company officials in Paris, St Gobain want to postpone the joint venture until 1980, essentially because of present economic difficulties. Meanwhile, it will continue to expand the activities of its Swedsh subsidiary. Emma-

of its Swedsh subsidiary, Emma-boda Glaswerke, and develop the production of double-glass windows for insulation.

World-wide St Gobain pro-duces about 4,500 tonnes of float glass daily under licence from Pilkington, but produces none in Scandinavia.—Agencies. PAHANG CONSOLIDATED

Company received subscriptions for 4.28m shares in response to its rights issue. Balance of about 3.71m shares (46 per cent) taken by underwriters.

W. CROWTHER
Pre-tax profits £445,000
(£432,000) for half-year are not
strictly comparable because the
1973 period included three subsidiaries sold in April this year.
Net effect of these disposals in
full year would be to reduce profits
by £108,000. Company is in British
Land group. W. CROWTHER

BATLEYS OF YORKSHIRE
Interim pre-tax 591,000
(£112,000) with earnings 1.2p
(1.54p) a share. Dividend 1.04p

BRENTNALL BEARD
Taxable profits for year, 5313,000 (against 5359,000). Earnings a share are 8.11p (10.33p). Dividend is up from 3.88p to 4.36p gross.

Mining

Unicorp–a new factor emerges

Cape buying pushed the Union Corporation share price up another 14p to 464p yesterday—although the Gold Fields of South Africa bid, now worth about 500p, was the other major imperus.

It is now thought that the South African Mutual insurance group has recently raised its stake from 3.2 to about 5 per cent of the Unicorp equity. With General Mining with with General Mining with about 28 per cent still opposed to the bid, and likely to remain so after the formal documents appear from GFSA, and with Charter Consolidated standing on the side lines with 10 per cept, the Mutual could well have the decisive vote as to the otcome of the offer.

The annual statements from

The annual statements from the six Unicorp mines covering the nine months to end-Septem-ber take a generally bullish line overall. Pride of place inevit ably goes to the new Unisel mine where production is now expected to begin in August, 1978. It is hoped to improve productivity substantially by increased mechanization in the stopes with experimental work now being acrried out at St

Reserves at St Helena are Reserves at St Helena are now estimated at 13.3m tons with a grade of 12.8 g/t at a gold price of R3,500 kg (\$15502) compared with 11.5m last year when the grade was 14.9 g/t and calculated on R2,000 kg (\$9802). The new reduction plant will involve expenditure of R22.5m, of R22.5m, of R22.5m, of which R5.4m is attributable to processing Unisel production. attributable to processing Unisel production.

A warning, however, comes from Leslie where it is stated that values exposed in the western portion of the lease have not been encouraging. Unless there is a substantial improvement in the gold price the potential reserves of the mine can only be extended marginally. At current price, Leslie may have another five or six years' profitable life left. A further capital repayment of 10c will be made next year.

EMBER 18 1974 סבלנו מי ועליםע Mitchell Cotts Group Limited 1973/74 Results



Chairman-Mr. J. K. Dick C.B.E., F.C.A.

£'000 over 1972/73 Profit before Interest 10,649 33% and Taxation 34% 9,147 Profit before Taxation 19% 53,298 **Funds Employed** Return on Funds 20% 12% **Employed**

Earnings per Ordinary Share

7.53 pence

Dividends per Ordinary Share

Interim—	0.656 pence
Proposed Final—	2.114 pence
Total for the year—	2.770 pence

Dividend Cover

2.65 times

Profit Principal activities of the Mitchell Cotts Group Contribution 40% Engineering 24% Agriculture 24% Transport, Shipping & Storage 6% Vehicle Distribution 6% Commodity Trading 100%



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& Union Corporation Group

GOLD MINING COMPANIES

WINKELHAAK MINES

Instruction to artisan aides, which began last year, and a recently introduced programme of more advanced training for black team leaders shows signs of promise for the greater utilisation of the labour force in general. Partly as a result of this training and through a reorganisation of the distribution of labour employed on less essential operations, it was possible to increase the tonnage milled despite a 10 per cent reduction in the underground labour strength.

If we are to use to best effects the advantage the higher gold price has brought us, cost increases will have to be kept to more manageable levels. In addition to our own efforts to increase productivity much will depend on the Government's efforts to combat inflation.

Although stope production has not been seriously affected by the shortage of labour, any further reduction in the numbers of workers will inevitably curtail production.

KINROSS MINES

The full effects of taxation and lease consideration were felt for the first time this year and these payments increased to R9.1 million. No. 2 Shaft has been completed to a depth of 733 metres below surface and should be completed in February 1976. The total cost of the shaft on completion is now estimated at R16 million. A borehole drilled as a pregrouting hole for No. 2 Shaft intersected the Kimberley Reef at a depth of 1,645.90 metres and 61.22 grams of gold per ton were assayed over a channel width of 53.1 centimetres yielding 3,251 centimetre grams. Although at this stage very little reef has been exposed, development from No. 1 Shaft carried out in the vicinity of the sinking shaft, has confirmed the borehole indications.

As mentioned in previous reports, the estimated payable tonnage based on borehole evaluations in the new area is not considered sufficient to warrant an increase in tonnage milled. However, before any final assessment of the potential of the northern area can be made, considerable development work will have to be

LESLIE GOLD MINES

The rate of development was decreased for the period under review as a result of the inclusion of previously demarcated marginal grade blocks. However, results continue to be disappointing and values exposed in the western portion of the lease area have not been encouraging. For this reason and taking into account the substantial increase in working costs, it is considered that the potential reserves of the mine can only be marginally extended unless a substantial increase in the gold price occurs. At the current prices we anticipate that the mine will still have another five to six profitable

years ahead of it. In view of this a further repayment of capital amounting to 10 cents per share will be made to shareholders during the 1975 financial year.

Points made in the statements by the Chairmen Mr. E. Pavitt and Mr. L. W. P. van den Bosch

- * Average gold price received approximately R3,300 per kg (US \$147 per oz.)
- * Continuing inflation emphasises gold's traditional role as store of value
- * Long term future for gold continues to be encouraging
- ★ Cost increases contained below industry average
- * Group placing emphasis on training schemes and better use of work force to combat cost increases and labour shortage

Results for the nine month financial period ended 30th September 1974 (compared with results for the previous twelve months)

Name of Company	Tons Milled	Gold	Net Profit	Dividends		eserves
	'000	produced . Kg.	R*000	cents per share	Tons '000	'value gms/ton
Bracken	<i>77</i> 1	6,375	5,687	51	2,500	9.0
	(1,038)	(10,139)	(5,108)	(31)	(1,800)	(12.3)
Kinross	1,168	8,404	9,920	50	8,500	8.2
	(1,506)	(12,258)	(13,237)	(46)	(6,500)	(10.0)
Leslie	1,092	5,754	4,233	32*	4,200	6.5
	(1,458)	(9,184)	(4,080)	(19)*	(2,500)	(7.7)
St. Helena	1,708	19,478	20,258	230	13,300	12.8
	(2,311)	(29,364)	(17,638)	(130)	(11,500)	(14.9)
Winkelhaak	1,530	11,578	10,184	94	10,000	9.0
	(1,930)	(16,370)	(9,177)	(48)	(7,500)	(10.2)
Ore Reserves calculated	at a gold price of :	- 1974	R3,500 per k	ilogram		

1973 R2,000 per kilogram * Includes 10 cents capital repayment

Copies of the full reports of the gold mining companies (all of which are incorporated in the Republic of South Africa) for the nine months ended 30th September 1974 are available from the London Secretaries, Union Corporation (U.K.) Limited, 95 Gresham Street, London, EC2V 7BS.

At the higher gold prices it was possible to decrease the rate of development and by including a number of previously marginal blocks, maintain the level of ore reserves. In the northern areas and in the area under option on the farm Witkleifontein in the far north, where development has been concentrated, low values have continued to be exposed. For this reason and taking into account the substantial increase in working costs, it is considered that the potential ore reserves will only be marginally extended by the recent increases in the gold price. As such, we anticipate that the mine will still have another seven to nine years of production.

ST. HELENA GOLD MINES LIMITED

Preparations are being made at No. 8 Shaft to develop a drive on 18 Level into the Ongegund area to investigate the values disclosed by earlier surface drilling. In my statement last year, I mentioned that consideration was being given to the replacement of the existing reduction works which is proving expensive to operate and maintain after having been in operation for 23 years. A decision has been reached to go ahead with the construction of a new reduction works at an estimated cost of R22.5 million of which some R5.4 million is attributable to capacity to meet the requirements of an agreement entered into with Unisel Gold Mines Limited. The programme is scheduled for completion

Together with expenditure to be incurred under the agreement with Unisel, your Company will be involved over four years in the financing of capital works to the extent of an estimated R26.4 million. This figure assumes a cost escalation of 15 per cent per annum. The bulk of this financing will be internally generated through amounts already transferred to reserves and the deferment of taxation. A sum of R3 million has also been raised from the National Finance Corporation. It is anticipated that dividend distributions will not be inhibited as a result of the capital expenditure pro-

UNISEL GOLD MINES LIMITED

A start was made in August of this year on the shaft collar excavation and the construction of the headgear and winder foundations. Preparatory work for the construction of the road and rail facilities from St. Helena mine are also underway. All preliminary work and pregrouting of the shaft site is on schedule and it is expected that full scale sinking of the shaft will commence in the second quarter of 1975.

In planning the mine, due attention is being given to opportunities for mechanisation, thereby increasing productive output per man. Experiments, to find a way of achieving improved mechanisation in the stopes, are being carried out on a Union Corporation group mine.

In the Consulting Engineers' report which accompanied the prospectus, it was stated that provided no unforeseen difficulties arose, the shaft would be completed early in 1977. Underground development and stope preparation should take a further eighteen months, during which time trial milling will be carried out. On these estimates, the mine will be brought into production by August 1978.

BRITISH EMPIRE SECURITIES AND GENERAL TRUST LIMITED

The Eighty-fifth Annual General Meeting of British Empire Securities and General Trust Limited was held on 17th December, 1974, in London. The following is the statement by R. P. Laurie, the Chairman, which has been circulated with the Report and Accounts for the year ended 30th September, 1974 :-

Despite the fact that thanks largely to take-over bids and redemptions, your company has benefited from substantial capital profits during the exceptionally difficult year under review the value of our securities has regrettably fallen by some 40.6 per cent. This compares with a fall of 55 per cent in the Financial Times Index over the same

The net asset value of our Shares at the year end was 7.2p per share.

Our revenue, however, has shown a satisfactory increase and your Directors have at least been able to fulfil the aim of increasing shareholders' income by raising the total dividend for the year to 0.50p per share. Provided that the economic crisis facing the country does not degenerate into chaos, they feel reasonably confident that this level can be maintained in the current year.

The two large holdings of Treasury Stock in the list of the twenty-four largest holdings provide for the redemption of our debenture stocks on their due dates.

I referred a year ago to the approaching necessity for the people of this country to face the straight choice between capitalism or a corporate state. Be it by choice or by default we are now at the mercy of politicians who, while paying lip service to a mixed economy, openly threaten the ability to save and the fruits of investment to the individual, and advocate state control and regimentation under the banner of social justice. There will no doubt be at worst one more chance for the final choice to be taken; let us hope that it will not be taken lightly.

Tricoville

Design and marketing of fashionwear

Highlights from the statement by the chairman Mr. D. A. Jacobs FCA, for the year to 19 July 1974

- Thirteen years of unbroken sales and profit growth
- New premises can double present throughput
- Further growth in sales and profits expected
- Pre-tax profit up 15%

Comparative statistics	1974 £000's	1973 £000's	1972 £000's
Turnover	3.282	2,653	1,778
Profit before taxation	296	256	-7
issued capital	256	256	181
and reserves	517	400	282
Earnings per share	8.05p	8.03p	5.98p

The Secretary, Tricoville Limited 91-93 Great Portland Street, London W1 N 6DP



SATISFACTORY RESULTS

★ Profits Up £30,000 to £794,067 ★ Final Dividend-14-895% (permitted) ★ Earnings per share 6-6p up from 6-7p

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Montague L Meyer Limited Interim Report

UNAUDITED GROUP RESULTS

			6 months ended 30th September 1974 £'000	6 months ended 30th September 1973 £'000	Year ended 31st March 1974 £'000
TURNOVER		••	73,000	64,000	142,000
TRADING PROFIT Depreciation Interest Payable Additional Pension	Contribution	 ns	7,795 (787) (2,723)	9,504 (578) (902)	16,919 (1,343) (3,005) (1,512)
Investment Income Share of Profits Companies*	of Assoc	belaic	4,285 5	8,024 25 	11.059 27 1,738
PROFIT BEFORE TA Taxation	XATION	::	4,290 (2,301)	8.049 (4.541)	12,824 (6,684)
PROFIT AFTER T/ Minority Interests Extraordinary Item		::	1,989 (163) (179)	3.508 (105)	6,140 (151)
PROFIT AVAILABLE PRIATION	FOR AP	PRO-	£1,647	£3,403	25.989
* Attributable profi	to of Accord	istad (~amaaala-	:-	alcodad at

Attributable profits of Associated Companies are not included at the half year.

** Arising on re-alignment of the Australian dollar.

In the first half of the current falling, will show a further financial year gross profits were in line with the reduced percentage level permitted under the Price regulations, but net profits were depressed by increased interest charges. A direct comparison with the first six months of the previous financial year should make allowance for the fact that Group profits were then in excess of the levels permitted, a situation which was subsequently corrected by giving discounts to customers.

Stocks have been valued with regard to market conditions.

second half of the financial year turnover and profits are likely to show some reduction. However, stocks are being steadily reduced, forward purchase commitments are light, and the Group will be a major beneficiary of the Budget proposals whereby payment of corporation tax will be deferred. As a result borrowings and interest charges, which are already

The Group has the resources to benefit from the expected cost housing revival in low

The dividends on the Preterence and later further money was drained from the market by net take-up of Treasury bills, an ontilow of notes and settlements of official gilt sales. However, an excess of gilt disbursements over Exchequer receipts acted to pump funds into the market. The combination of the disbursements which were larger than expected, and the Central Bank assistance acted to drive secured call loan rates down to between 6 per cent and Preferred Ordinary Shares for the period absorb £5,000 (1973 £5,000). The Board has declared an interim dividend of 0.9p per share (1973 0.7p) on the Ordinary Share Capital, which will absorb £368,000 (1973 £286,000). It is anticipated that the final dividend for the year ending 31st March 1975 will be 1.08p per share, making a total of 1.98p per share, which is the maximum permitted under the

current regulations. The interim dividend will be paid on 7th February to holders on the Register on 10th January

FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Jump of 24pc by Pleasurama

company, which last year made a loss) taxable profits of Pleasurama have jumped 24 per cent to £650,000—a new record. The shares rose 2 points to 23p on the news.

Turnover for the year to September 30 rose from £3.2m to £3.7m. Net profits rose from £220,000 to £313,000, while the board is raising the final from 1.06p to 1.32p gross, giving a 10 and 11 per cent, bought a total for the year of 2.32p, further 75,000 Marine Firminy against 2.06p. A dividend scrip shares at prices between 156 option is proposed. Earnings a

share are 5.1p, against 3.6p.
During the year, the board
reports that the company's four bingo halls and a small hotel were sold in Scotland, because they were making a poor return. Since October 1, the group has contracted to acquire small casinos in Glasgow, Portsmouth and Southampton for a total consideration of £71,000. This will bring the number of casinos owned to 10.

Confidence at Central Mfg

As long as Central Manufac-turing & Trading maintains a "firm grasp" of its objectives for carefully planned growth and adheres to the guidelines it has established, there is "little doubt" the company will realize

Batleys of Yorks (10p) Int Brentnall Beard (10p) Fin

Brentnall Beard (10p) Fin Brit Oxygen (25p) Fin Brumner Inv (25p) Fin Centremay (10p) Int Cooper Inds (10p) Int Cranleigh & Co (5p) Int Greenal Whittey (25p) Fin Imp Cont Gas (£1) Int Keystone Inv (50p) Fin Lindsay & Williams

Mariey (25p) Int Moot L. Meyer (25p) Int W. E. Norton (5p) Int Pleasurama (5p) Fin

STRAIGHTS

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Foreign

Exchange

Dollar declines

Discount market

The Bank of England offset a liquidity shortage in the discount market yesterday by purchasing a moderate amount of Treasury Bills directly from discount houses,

market sources said.
The market opened with bank

balances run down from overnight and later further money was

rates down to between 6 per cent and 8 per cent at the close from between 9 and 101 at the opening.

It is thought the market closed with a surplus to be called forward

Group profit for half to June 30 £149,000 (£179,000).

LDN MULTINATIONAL BANK

ATTOCK OIL

The dollar fell to its weakest

Current trading is at a higher level but a forecast is "almost

De Wendel has 15 pc of Firminy

De Wendel steel group, which had built up a stake between 13. This means it now owns about 15 per cent of Marine, excluding any further purmade yesterday.chases

Wearra cuts payout

Although turnover for the year to September 30 is ahead from £4.9m to £5.1m, taxable profits are down from a record £381,000 to £141,000. On retained profts of £19,000, against f157,000, the dividend is cut from 1.89p to 1.42p gross. Interim profits declined from £205,000 to £104,000, while the second-half contributed only £37,000, against £176,000.

Healey Motor sale

Latest dividends

ago

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1/4

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13/1

All divdends in new pence or appropriate currencies.

Rothmans Int (123p) Int 0.56 0.81 30./
Samuel Props (25p) Fin 0.24 2.35† 14/
Wsm Motor (25p) Int Nil 1 —
Wheeler's Resignis (10p) Int 2.2 2 13/
† Adjusted for scrip. * Forecast. § Total to date.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

79

80

0.52 Nil 1.88

Designer of the Healey range doubt" the company will realize of cars, Mr Donald Healey, has better-than-average sales and sold his company, Donald

Year's Prev

4.36

3.62

2.97

5.97

2.98§ 4.25 2.97*

2.32

1.49

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0.87 2.06 1.70 3.6† 2.75

Offer 93 85, 84, 87 73

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Source: London.

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Including a contribution of earnings growth, Mr Norman Healey Motor Co, to Midlands £232,000 from an associated Hickman, chairman, writes in leisure group Hamblin, which company, which last year made his review. in the region. Mr Geoffrey Healey, son of Mr Donald Healey, and a director of Jensen, said the chief interest of both his father and self was the design and engineering of motor cars, on which they would concentrate.

Samuel Props profit and dividend down

After an interest charge which soared from £1.13m to £2.76m pre-tax profit of Samuel Properties, the developer which earlier this year became one of the first British groups to undertake a major letting in Germany, was almost halved from £1.81m to £948,000 last term. The final dividend is cut from an adjusted 2.35p to 0.24p

After a rather lower tax charge of £648,000 and a transfer from capital reserves of £394,000 (£153,000) relating to development properties, the profit available for the dividend is cut from £1.18m to £690,000. Earnings are down from 4.25p

at Mitchell Cotts

forecast

Mr J. K. Dick, chairman of the Mitchell Cotts Group, forecasts in his statement it can be reasonably expected that the net profit for the current period will turn out to be between the 1973 and 1974 figures. The respective attributable figures were £2.95m and £3.68m.

Some decline Stock markets

Further, he says, if this proves to be a fairly accurate forecast the board feels the total dividend should be raised by the maximum amount of 124 per cent which, as things stand, would increase the total from 4.12p to 4.64p.

He points out, though, that in a company such as Mitchell Cotts there are whole areas where the most careful appraisals can still prove to be wide of the mark. In some divisions there can be a close approximation of what results will be. But in other, and usually more important fields, there are political, economic and commercial imponderables which make the task inevitably

At halfway the company had been slightly ahead at £1.1m (£1.04m) pre-tax, (£1.04m)

Issues & Loans

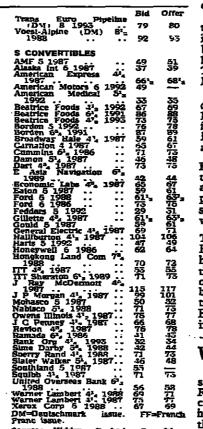
£1m, compared to £758,000 last

British Tar's one-for-four rights British Tar Products is rais-

ing £237,000 by a one-for-four rights issue at 11p. The pro-ceeds will be used to build new plant for producing chlorinated organic intermediate chemicals.

The company has obtained Treasury approval to double its dividends this year to 2p, which gives a yield of 18.2 per cent at the rights issue price. The shares closed sready yesterday at 16p

BTP's first-half profits rose from £270,000 to £573,000 and the directors are forecasting



Kidder, Peabody Securities,

Dec Dec 16 13

yearling bonds has risen from 14½ per cent to 14½ per cent this week with an issue price of

cluded: Rochdale, Lerwick, Lichfield, Cumbernauld, Der-wentside, Malvern Hills, Arfon, Chester, Derby, Forest Heath, Newport, Southampton, Edin-burgh, Peebles, Camden, Clackmannan, Hart.

Norsk Hydro loan

Norsk Hydro AS, the energy, chemical and aluminium pro-ducer which is 51 per cent owned by the Norwegian Government, is seeking a \$200m. eight-year bank loan,

The loan is unusual in that the borrower itself is syndicating the loan among relationship banks rather than having its bankers arrange the syndication. The agent for the loan is Chase Manhattan in London.

Norsk Hydro is believed to be offering to pay 1.5 points above London interbank offering rates for Eurodollars for the loan. In addition it will pay a management fee.

has been increased to £15m by the creation of 10m new shares of £1 each. All the shares have been allotted for cash, at par, to the parent company, the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Wheeler's up 60 pc

Dec. Dec. 16 13

Picking up from last term's slump profits of Wheeler's Restaurants spurted 60 per cent to £180,000 pre-tax in the half-year to September 30, and the dividend goes up from 2p to 2.2p.

full-year profits in excess of

Local Authorities

The coupon on local authority

Authorities making issues in-

British Investment Trust: of the original loan of Sw.Fr. 30m arranged in June, 1972, for a period of five years, the out-standing balance of Sw.Fr 20m was finally repaid last week.

The authorised capital of the

INTERIM REPORT The unaudited trading results for the 26 weeks ended 30th September, 1974 are: 6 months to 6 months to Year to 30th Sept. 30th Sept. 31st March £000 Turnover 630 571 Profits Taxation 25 21 Net profit after taxation 1.59p 1_34p Earnings per share

and rises were cut back. Then ing to Exchange Telegraph, C came a \$6 rise in gold at the Goldfields, Burmah Oil, B London fixing and share prices BP, Shell, GEC, ICI, Ur soared afresh, with demand Corp, GKN, Commercial Un

WHARF MILL

FURNISHERS LTD.

(previously Physhpile (Wharf Mill) Ltd.)

Good rises in golds

helped again by a relaxation of

tensions in the foreign exchange

centres. There was considerable

activity on the gold mining

pitches after London bullion

quotations had risen strongly

behind the agreement by France

and the United States that

countries might upvalue official

gold holdings to current market

prices. But turnover in both gilts and equities remained rela-

The FT index extended its

recovery from recent "lows" to close 3.4 up at 159.2 Recorded

bargains for equities fell to a mere 4,940—while amplified

money total of only £28.7m.

figures for Monday disclosed a

Attention in the gilt-edged

market yesterday moved from

the short-dated stocks to the "long end" of the list.

working days, steady and per-sistent demand was seen for "mediums" and "longs", with gains of a point common. In

many cases, prices closed at the day's best levels. Turnover was

described by one jobber as "fair to good".

Meanwhile, after a firm opening, short-dated stocks ran into profit-taking and inched back to about over-night levels, where

they closed after steady two-

way trading.
Dealers said that turnover

in this sector was lower than in the last two sessions. The short-

dated "tap" was not operative.

Gold shares opened with gains of about £1, after overnight communiques from the Martinique meeting of Presidents Ford

profit-takers quickly moved in

Giscard d'Estaing. But

In the wake of a good advance

"shorts" over the last two

tively light.

Stock markets had another coming from the Continent comfortable session yesterday, the United States.

the United States.

Closing prices the best

the session-showed gams of

to £1.50 in FS Geduld (£26)

Steyn (£19) and Western H.

ings (351). Also higher w Unisel (305p), Western Au (630p) and AA Corp (328p

The Franco-American acc

on oil price policies helped

major oil shares. Confirma

of higher petrol prices a week had little effect bett

the news had been widely

pected. BP (210p) closed

up, but gains in Burmah (103p) and Shell (133p)

Turnover in the indust

shares was light. Lighthea:

interest was shown in "issue" of "weevil badges' a member of a leading job!

firm. After opening at 10p,

badges commanded prices

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City operators as "weevils' a speech at the Labour P:

Shares in BLMC—m cheaper than "weevil badg

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mented closed unchanged

their low of 64p ahead of

day's preliminary results.

The international favour

like ICI (123p), Unite (170p), Glaxo Holdings (19 and Courtsulds (57p) all u

Disappointing results for Rothmans International

the shares unchanged at 1

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Equity turnover on Decem
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Active stocks yesterday accing to Exchange Telegraph, C

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aged minor gains.

Conference.

Interim Dividend It is the intention of the Directors to pay the maximum dividend for 1974 permitted by present legislation. They have declared an Interim Dividend on the Ordinary Shares for the year ending 31st March 1975 of 0.514p per share u Shareholders on the register on 10th January 1975. With the related tax credit this dividend is equivalent to 0.767t per share compared with 0.731p per share interim paid las-

The shares will become ex-dividend on 27th December 1974.

The last date for lodging transfers is 10th January 1975 and the dividend will be paid on 10th February 1975. General Comment

The results for the half year indicated above are con-sidered reasonably satisfactory taking into account not only the general economic position but also specific matters which relate to your Company in particular. In this context I refer especially to substantial works of reconstruction and coad works which have inhibited trading to our main unit at Ashton-u-Lyne. Modest expansion plans for your Company are in hanc

an indicated in my last Chairman's Statement and it is anticipated that an additional small unit will come on stream within the next three months. Attention has been directed towards improving liquidity and to this end the policy has been successful to the extent that the contemplated expansion of trading can comfortably be contained within existing

resources.
Your Company's emphasis continues to be that of preserving its existing business, improving profitability per square foot and expanding through new outlets as and when the liquidity allows.

Your Company has experienced improved trading conditions since the half year and should these conditions continue until March, the second half should show a considerable improvement.

A. F. LOMAS, Chairman

S. SIMPSON LIMITED

The 41st Annual General Meeting of S. Simpson Limited was held 17th December in London, Dr. S. L. Simpson, Chairman, presidu The following are extracts from his circulated statement.

Simpson (Piccadilly) Ltd has done well in adverse circumstance. but the manufacturing companies have faced more difficult condition My interim statement intimated the adverse effects of the fuel cri-which continued into the second half of the year, and regretted impact of an increase in corporation tax and restrictive profit margi

Impact or an increase in corporation.

In spite of an increased turnover, the manufacturing companity were unable to compensate adequately for the disruption of the period because their financial recovery phase was impeded increased wages, fuel costs, transport and general overheads in the restrictions and advance seasonal orders taken all the properties and the properties and the properties and the properties are the properties are the properties and the properties are the properties are the properties and the properties are the properties are the properties and the properties are the properties and the properties are the pro

On the encouraging side, export orders for DAKS-Simpson 1 increased from 11.5 to 21.4 per cent of turnover and our reputation. for quality clothing in this country and abroad remains hig Manufacturing under licence in USA has developed and has recent been extended from DAKS Trousers to the whole range of DAL. Clothing. Trading under licence in Japan has made some progre and we hope to activate this area further.

The invertere Coat Co. Ltd has increased its exports in markets; although a high percentage of its output of specially stylegarments is exported to USA and Canada, during the past year has shown its greatest percentage growth in the European mark."

Simpson (Piccadilly) Ltd achieved its planned turnover and control on operational expenses, but was adversely affected to statutory price control which applied throughout the year and ev-more so from 6th May, when a further 10 per cent reduction in grosprofit margins was imposed. There was noticeable sustained succe: with overseas visitors and an increasing volume of trading with the younger age groups, both in Trend for Men and in the Boutique ar Summer House.

Major Alfred Huskisson. OBE, MC, retires from the Board at the age of 82, after 34 years service, having held Offices of Managir Director and Deputy Chairman in both S. Simpson Ltd and Simpso

We have now entered another difficult year in complete inflationary circumstances, but subject to Government recognition 14. the needs of industry for realistic profitability, together with mostable labour costs and less onerous taxation we believe, we can move forward to progressive achievement at home and abroad.

Wall Street

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Este! (DM) 74, 1988
Goodycar (DM) 64,
1972/87

New York, Dec 17.—Wall Street stocks were mostly higher, reversing a small initial decline. By noon the Dow Jones industrial average was 3-28 up at 590.11.

IBM gained \$2\frac{1}{2}\$ to \$167\frac{2}{3}\$, while Zerox and Burrough's added fractions. Motors and steels were narrowly mixed while golds rose as much as \$\frac{2}{3}\$ on the jump in the bullion price. The dollar fell to its weakest ever against Swiss francs and German marks on foreign exchanges yesterday. The pound tumbled with it, and its devaluation against the world's major currencies worsened to 21.6 from last night's 21.1 per cent. However, sterling improved against the dollar to \$2.3345 from \$2.3295 overmight. as much as 55 on the jump in the bullion price.

Du Pont and Eastman Kodak edged higher.

Yesterday the Dow Jones industrial average fell 5.94 to 586.83. overnight.

Foreign exchange dealers said the dollar's decline began in New York overnight and was continued in London. Swiss "window dressing" operations were tending to depress the American currency as the Swiss central bank falled to provide enough behind-the-market swaps to satisfy the demand for francs for the year-end.

Gold also exerted further downward pressure.

NY silver limit up

New York, Dec 16.—COMEX SH.VER rutures closed around the days shighs up 19.10 to 20.00 cents. Most positions made the upper limits late in the day when short covering followed earlier local trade and spoculative buy-limits in the late model of the state of the control of the late o

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Abitubi Alcan Alga, Steel Asbostos Bell Tcl. Can. Sup. Oil Can. Inv. Fd. Conlinco Coms. Bat. Distiller Falconbridge Coll Oil Hawker Can. Hud. Bay Mill. Hud. Bay Oil I.A.C. Ltd. Imasco.

Profit in fourth year rose 11 per cent to £1.62m pre-tax. Total assets

The Franco-American gold re-serves agreement was viewed as a considerable compromise for the United States, and the resulting leap on bullion markets had further undermined the dollar. Sterling, despite reassuring statements that the Arabs would step up investments in Britain, falled to match the performance. failed to match the performance of the European currencies against the dollar.

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Board expects that company will
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will be in a position to pay a dividend on results for year. In six
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Prices attractive for tourist in country where unemployment is the main problem

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in two to three years was worried also the lack of control activities connected tourism. He cited the case of an Englishman who bought a carpet in Kairouan and asked for it to be sent on to him. When it arrived in London he found that it was not the same carpet. The tourist may have been satisfied with his hotel, the weather and the beach, but an incident of this kind leaves a sour taste and dis-suades him from returning

The costs rise by 40 per cent

Another weakness of the industry is the lack of cooperation between hotel-keep which allows foreign operators to drive hard bargain with individua hotels. Prices are attracti-vely low for the tourist, but in many cases fail to cover the hotelkeepers' costs. On Djerba, basic prices have not risen for the past four seasons, a period in which costs had risen by 40 per

winter week in Tunisia for £38 or a German two weeks for just over £100, air fares included, the sum received by the hoteliers is hardly enough to cover the cost of food, let alone pay their staff a decent wage. A Tuni-sian tourist official said hoteliers tried to make up on extras such as hairdress ing and me lamb) parties. and mechoui (roas

In a country where lack of work is the main prob-lem, the Government has welcomed tourism for the jobs it provides. However, the creation of permanent employment for nearly 30,000 people has been achieved at a cost—to the hotel-keeper and also to the tourists themselves. Djerba for example, has 8,000 hote beds, but an alarming dearth of doctors for its large seasonal population. It time that prices wer reised to a realistic leve and a more comprehensive

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With steadily mounting At one time it looked as loreign exchange reserves if fare had been extrand ambitious but realistic ordinarily unkind to Tunisia.

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Phosphates have also played their part in the economic turn-about follow-The past four years, howing the sharp rise in world prices which increased from \$13 to \$52 in just a year. nsformation of the econo-scene. Late in 1969 sident Bourguiba dis-sed Mr Ahmed Ben Salah, Government mainly for poliwas then the extremely tical and social reasons verful Finance, Planning preserve the jobs of about 1 Education Minister, and 12,000 people—but at the new prices the whole industry took a sharp turn ponent of the country's export earnings.

With the world food crisis and chronic fertilizer shortage the outlook must be good. Only last month a new ed economy has returned avour.

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The mosque of Sidi Bou Makhlouf at El Kef, western Tunisia.

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has said that a main aim the Tunisians and the Morocof the 1972 law was to encans found these arrangeable Tunisia "to import ments unsatisfactory and of work rather than exporting little value.

Our labour". Other advantages of setting up these tries, together with Algeria, privileged export-oriented pressed to be granted a more industries include the import comprehensive agreement of technical skills, another which would not be confined means of effecting the trans- to trade preferences and

means of effecting the trans-fer of technology. to trade preferences and quotas, but would also in-clude an aid package. This The current four-year plan (1973-76) views the manufacturing industry as the main source of new jobs, even though the acceleration of industrialization is a recent phenomenon. A will come to fruition and in addition there will be and technical cooperation and encourage private investment in the Maghreb. Most significant of all, there

a recent phenomenon. A recent survey reported that investment in the manufacture investment in the manufacturing industry approved in 1973 totalled D134m, against D50m in 1972 and only D25m in 1971.

Provided world economic conditions do not get out of hand, there seems to be a good chance that Tunisia will build up a profitable industrial sector quickly. The reasons for this are: the trial sector quickly. The reasons for this are: the encouragement now given to foreign investors and the favourable status Tunisia will enjoy in its relations with the European Economic Com-

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hange of emphasis in education to provide technical training

through education. The rapid spread of edu-through education. The rapid spread of edu-cation has been impressive but the Government is dis-satisfied with the quality of colaire. According to ment statistics, 46.3 mt of children between Minister, told the ruling het of six and 14 were party's congress in Sep-to school in 1961-62, were than 70 per cent 2.73. At the beginning be rethought.

The rapid spread of edu-tion the same occasion. President Bourguiba said that education was an end in itself but that this aspect had to be reconciled with its obligations as a means of development. "If it were otherwise", he added, "education would Mr Nouira

plan (1973-76), which is re-markable more for the plan (1973-76), which is remarkable more for the changes of emphasis within the system than for quantitative increases.

These young Tunisians emerge from the classroom with a basic general education but no technical qual-ifications. So they find diffi-culty in getting a job. To prevent such a waste of manpower the Government manpower the Government has introduced manual work into the timetable for the last two years of primary schooling. It hopes thereby to overcome a widespread aversion to working with the hands and to provide the basis for subsequent technical training.

At Side Thabet, to the presimental centres would be opened for this purpose with the heigh of the United Nations Children's Fund, the United Nations Educate the United Nations, and the World Bank.

Reconversion course

At Sidi Thebet, to the north-west of Tunis, the children do two hours of ing mendarin oranges. Each class has its own plot of land. The pupils have sold peppers in the village market and oranges to the staff and the school kitchen.

The head mistress said that parents had been reluctant at first about the scheme but were now keen 3,000 pupils (19,725 to one if the children seemed quite happy to be out in the sunshine rather them sitting in a classroom.

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The situation has the children were to drop shighly during the become quieter since then present plan, whereas the said elections in the university faculties and other institutes of higher learning began last month.

Education in Tunisia is moving farther and farther away from the model bequeathed by France townical subjects (9,668 to something better happy to be out in the sunshine rather them sitting in a classroom.

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Mr Guiga said that 24,000 about to introduce technical responsibility.

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resentment leading to explosions of various kinds which
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These young Tunisians own workshops by 1976.

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This year the Government has taken a tougher line. In

April police were sent in to prevent the closing of the my visit they were preparing ground for potatoes, as a whole the number of mer 202 people, among planting been out and pick-pupils receiving general them students, stood trial ing mandarin oranges. Each education during the first for plotting against the class has its own plot of three-year cycle is expected state. The situation has

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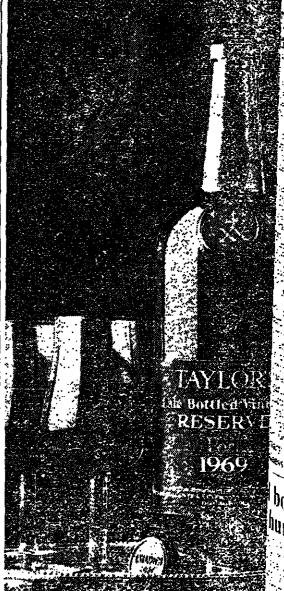
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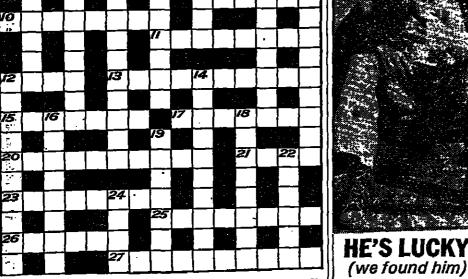
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11 Is there nothing wrong in speculations? (8). 12 Ravished by post? (4). 13 Something to do with possession (10).

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cial jingle? (//20 Ford's bunk specialists 22 Kibosh put on as war-time protection (3, 3).

23 Butter portions help to fortify us (6).

25 — and evening bell "

(Tennyson) (8). (Tennyson) (8). 26 Cirl receives set-back in French port (6). 27 Anne Boleyn as a ship's officer ? (6, 4).

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